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THE THIRD SESSSION OF THE FIFTH CONGRESS, CONFORMABLE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, COMMENCED THIS DAY, AND THE SENATE ASSEMBLED AT THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA ACCORDING TO LAW.

MONDAY, *December 3d*, 1798.

PRESENT,

From the State of

NEW-HAMPSHIRE

The Honourable { John Langdon, and / Samuel Livermore.

RHODE-ISLAND,

The Honourable { Theodore Foster, and / Ray Greene.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Honourable William Bingham.

KENTUCKY,

The Honourable Humphrey Marſhall.

SOUTH-CAROLINA,

The Honourable Jacob Read.

GEORGIA,

The Honourable James Gunn.

The Honourable Daniel Smith, appointed a Senator by the Executive of the State of Tenneſſee, in the receſs of that Legiſlature, in place of the Honourable Andrew Jackſon reſigned, took his ſeat in the Senate.

The members preſent not being ſufficient to form a quorum,

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, *December 4th*, 1798.

The Honourable Henry Latimer, from the State of Delaware, attended.

The members preſent not being ſufficient to form a quorum,

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, *December 5th*, 1798.

The Honourable Benjamin Goodhue, from the State of Maſſachuſetts, The Honourable Elijah Paine and the Honourable Nathaniel Chipman, from the State of Vermont, the

Honourable John Laurence, from the State of New-York, and the Honourable Timothy Bloodworth, from the State of North-Carolina, ſeverally attended.

The members preſent not being ſufficient to form a quorum,

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, *December 6th*, 1798.

The Honourable Richard Stockton, from the State of New-Jerſey, and the Honourable Joſeph Anderſon, from the State of Tenneſſee, ſeverally attended.

The Vice Preſident being abſent, the Senate proceeded to the election of a Preſident pro tempore, as the Conſtitution provides, and the Honourable John Laurence was choſen.

The credentials of the Honourable Daniel Smith, appointed a Senator by the Executive of the State of Tenneſſee, in place of the Honourable Andrew Jackſon, reſigned, were read, and the oath was, by the Preſident adminiſtered to him, as the law provides.

Ordered, that the Secretary wait on the Preſident of the United States, and acquaint him that a quorum of the Senate is aſſembled, and that in the abſence of the Vice Preſident, they have elected the Honourable John Laurence Preſident of the Senate pro tempore.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives, that a quorum of the Senate is aſſembled, and ready to proceed to buſineſs, and that in the abſence of the Vice Preſident, they have elected the Honourable John Laurence Preſident of the Senate pro tempore.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

A quorum of the Houſe of Repreſentatives is aſſembled, and they have appointed a joint committee on their part, together with ſuch committee as the Senate may appoint on theirs, to wait on the Preſident of the United States and notify him, that a quorum of the two Houſes is aſſembled and ready to receive any communications that he may be pleaſed to make to them. And he withdrew.

The Senate took into conſideration the meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, and

Reſolved, that they do concur therein, and that Mr. Read and Mr. Paine, be of the joint committee on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives therewith.

The return of ſervice on the ſummons to William Blount, made by the Sergeant at arms, purſuant to the Reſolution of the Senate of the firſt of March laſt, was read.

The Preſident communicated a letter from Jared Ingerſol, Eſq. ſtating that he, together with A. J. Dallas, Eſq. were employed as counſel for William Blount, impeached by the Houſe of Repreſentatives, for high crimes and miſdemeanors; and that they were ready to attend the trial when ordered by the Senate.

Mr. Read reported from the joint committee appointed for that purpoſe, that they had waited on the Preſident of the United States, and had notified him, that a quorum of the two Houſes of Congreſs were aſſembled, and the Preſident of the United States acquainted the committee, that he would meet the two Houſes on Saturday next at 12 o'clock, in the chamber of the Houſe of Repreſentatives.

On motion,

Reſolved, that James Mathers, junr. be aſſiſtant doorkeeper to the Senate, in place of Cornelius Maxwell, deceaſed.

On motion,

Reſolved, that each Senator be ſupplied, during the preſent ſeſſion, with copies of three ſuch newſpapers, printed in any of the States, as he may chooſe, provided that the ſame are furniſhed at the rate of the uſual annual charge, for ſuch papers.

On motion,

Reſolved, that two Chaplains of different denominations, be appointed to Congreſs, for the preſent ſeſſion, one by each Houſe; who ſhall interchange weekly.

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in this reſolution.

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Saturday morning.

SATURDAY, *December 8th*, 1798.

The Honourable James Roſs, from the State of Pennſylvania attended.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives are now ready to meet the Senate in the Chamber of that Houſe, to receive ſuch communications as the Preſident of the United States ſhall be pleaſed to make to them.—And he withdrew.

Whereupon,

The Senate repaired to the Chamber of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, for the purpoſe above expreſſed.

The Senate returned to their own chamber, and a copy of the ſpeech of the Preſident of

the United States this day, addreſſed to both Houſes of Congreſs, was read as follows:

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE, AND
GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

WHILE with reverence and reſignation, we contemplate the diſpenſations of Divine Providence, in the alarming and deſtructive peſtilence, with which, ſeveral of our cities and towns have been viſited, there is cauſe for gratitude and mutual congratulations, that the malady has diſappeared, and that we are again permitted to aſſemble in ſafety, at the ſeat of government, for the diſcharge of our important duties. But when we reflect that this fatal diſorder has within a few years made repeated ravages in ſome of our principal ſea ports, and with increaſed malignancy, and when we conſider the magnitude of the evils, ariſing from the interruption of public and private buſineſs, whereby the national intereſts are deeply affected; I think it my duty to invite the Legiſlature of the Union to examine the expediency of eſtabliſhing ſuitable regulations, in aid of the Health Laws of the reſpective ſtates; for theſe being formed on the idea, that contagious ſickneſs may be communicated through the channels of commerce, there ſeems to be a neceſſity, that Congreſs, who alone can regulate trade, ſhould frame a ſyſtem, which, while it may tend to preſerve the general

health, may be compatible with the intereſts of commerce and the ſafety of the revenue.

While we think on this calamity and ſympathiſe with the immediate ſufferers, we have abundant reaſon to preſent to the Supreme Being our annual oblations of gratitude for a liberal participation in the ordinary bleſſings of his Providence. To the uſual ſubjects of gratitude, I cannot omit to add one of the firſt importance to our well being and ſafety: I mean that ſpirit, which has ariſen in our country, againſt the menaces and aggreſſion of a foreign nation. A manly ſenſe of national honor, dignity and independence has appeared, which if encouraged and invigorated by every branch of the government, will enable us to view undiſmayed, the enterprizes of any foreign power and become the ſure foundation of national proſperity and glory.

The courſe of the tranſactions in relation to the United States and France, which have come to my knowledge during your receſs, will be made the ſubject of a future communication. That communication will confirm the ultimate failure of the meaſures, which have been taken by the government of the United States towards an amicable adjuſtment of differences with that power. You will at the ſame time perceive, that the French government appears ſolicitous to impreſs the opinion, that it is

averſe to a rupture with this country, and that it has in a qualified manner, declared itſelf willing to receive a miniſter from the United States, for the purpoſe of reſtoring a good underſtanding. It is unfortunate for profeſſions of this kind, that they ſhould be expreſſed in terms, which may countenance the inadmiſſible pretenſion of a right, to preſcribe the qualifications, which a Miniſter from the United States ſhould poſſeſs, and that while France is aſſerting the exiſtence of a diſpoſition on her part to conciliate with ſincerity the differences which have ariſen, the ſincerity of a like diſpoſition on the part of the United States, of which ſo many demonſtrative proofs have been given, ſhould even be indirectly queſtioned. It is alſo worthy of obſervation, that the decree of the Directory alledged to be intended to reſtrain the depredations of French cruiſers on our commerce, has not given and cannot give any relief; it enjoins them to conform to all the laws of France relative to cruiſing and prizes; while theſe laws are themſelves the ſources of the depredations, of which we have ſo long, ſo juſtly and ſo fruitleſsly complained.

The Law of France enacted in January laſt, which ſubjects to capture and condemnation neutral veſſels and their cargoes, if any portion of the latter are of Britiſh fabric or produce, although the entire property belong to neutrals, inſtead of being

reſcinded, has lately received a confirmation by the failure of a propoſition for its repeal. While this law, which is an unequivocal act of war on the commerce of the nations it attacks, continues in force, thoſe nations can ſee in the French government only a power, regardleſs of their eſſential rights, of their independence and ſovereignty, and if they poſſeſs the means, they can reconcile nothing with their intereſt and honor, but a firm reſiſtance.

Hitherto therefore, nothing is diſcoverable in the conduct of France, which ought to change or relax our meaſures of defence; on the contrary, to extend and invigorate them is our true policy. We have no reaſon to regret, that theſe meaſures have been thus far adopted and purſued; and in proportion as we enlarge our view of the portentous and incalculable ſituation of Europe, we ſhall diſcover new and cogent motives for the full developement of our energies and reſources.

But in demonſtrating by our conduct, that we do not fear war in the neceſſary protection of our rights and honor, we ſhall give no room to infer that we abandon the deſire of peace. An efficient preparation for war can alone enſure peace. It is peace that we have uniformly and perſeveringly cultivated; and harmony between us and France may

be reſtored at her option. But to ſend another miniſter, without more determinate aſſurances that he would be received, would be an act of humiliation, to which the United States ought not to ſubmit. It muſt therefore be left with France (if ſhe is, indeed, deſirous of accommodation) to take the requiſite ſteps. The United States will ſteadily obſerve the maxims by which they have hitherto been governed. They will reſpect the ſacred rights of embaſſy. And with a ſincere diſpoſition on the part of France to deſiſt from hoſtility, to make reparation for the injuries heretofore inflicted on our commerce, and to do juſtice in future, there will be no obſtacle to the reſtoration of a friendly intercourſe. In making to you this declaration, I give a pledge to France and the world, that the executive authority of this country ſtill adheres to the humane and pacific policy which has invariably governed its proceedings, in conformity with the wiſhes of the other branches of the government, and of the people of the United States. But conſidering the late manifeſtations of her policy towards foreign nations, I deem it a duty deliberately and ſolemnly, to declare my opinion, that whether we negociate with her or not, vigorous preparations for war will be alike indiſpenſable. Theſe alone will give to us an equal treaty, and enſure its obſervance.

Among the meaſures of preparation, which appear expedient I take the liberty to recal your attention to the naval eſtabliſhment. The beneficial effects of the ſmall naval armament provided under the acts of the laſt ſeſſion, are known and acknowledged.—Perhaps no country ever experienced more ſudden and remarkable advantages from any meaſure of policy, than we have derived from the arming for our maritime protection and defence. We ought without loſs of time to lay the foundation for an increaſe of our navy to a ſize ſufficient to guard our coaſt and protect our trade. Such a naval force, as it is doubtleſs in the power of the United States to create and maintain, would alſo afford to them the beſt means of general defence, by facilitating the ſafe tranſportation of troops and ſtores to every part of our extenſive coaſt. To accompliſh this important object a prudent foreſight requires that ſyſtematical meaſures be adopted for procuring at all times, the requiſite timber and other ſupplies. In what manner this ſhall be done I leave to your conſideration.

I will now advert, Gentlemen, to ſome matters of leſs moment, but proper to be communicated to the national Legiſlature.

After the Spaniſh garriſons had evacuated the poſts they occupied at the Natchez and Walnut-

hills, the Commiſſioner of the United States commenced his obſervations, to aſcertain the point near the Miſſiſſippi, which terminated the northernmoſt part of the thirty-firſt degree of north latitude. From thence he proceeded to run the boundary line between the United States and Spain. He was afterwards joined by the Spaniſh Commiſſioner, when the work of the former was confirmed; and they proceeded together to the demarkation of the line. Recent information renders it probable, that the Southern Indians, either inſtigated to oppoſe the demarkation, or jealous of the conſequences of ſuffering white people to run a line over lands, to which the Indian title had not been extinguiſhed, have ere this time ſtopped the progreſs of the commiſſioners. And conſidering the miſchiefs which may reſult from continuing the demarkation, in oppoſition to the will of the Indian tribes, the great expence attending it, and that the boundaries which the commiſſioners have actually eſtabliſhed, probably extend at leaſt as far as the Indian title has been extinguiſhed, it will perhaps become expedient and neceſſary to ſuſpend further proceedings by recalling our Commiſſioner.

The Commiſſioners appointed in purſuance of the fifth article of the Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation, between the United States and his Britannic Majeſty, to determine what river

was truly intended under the name of the river St. Croix, mentioned in the treaty of peace and forming a part of the boundary therein deſcribed, have finally decided that queſtion. On the twenty-fifth of October they made their declaration that a river called Scoodiac, which falls into Paſſamaquoddy bay at its north weſtern quarter, was the true St. Croix intended in the treaty of peace as far as its great fork, where one of its ſtreams comes from the weſtward and the other from the northward, and that the latter ſtream is the continuation of the St. Croix to its ſource. This deciſion it is underſtoood, will preclude all contention among individual claimants, as it ſeems that the Schoodiac and its northern branch, bound the grants of lands which have been made by the reſpective adjoining governments. A ſubordinate queſtion however, it has been ſuggeſted, ſtill remains to be determined. Between the mouth of the St. Croix as now ſettled and what is uſually called the bay of Fundy lie a number of valuable iſlands. The Commiſſioners have not continued the boundary line through any channel of theſe iſlands, and unleſs the bay of Paſſamaquoddy be a part of the bay of Fundy, this further adjuſtment of boundary will be neceſſary. But it is apprehended, that this will not be a matter of any difficulty.

Such progreſs has been made in the examination and deciſion of caſes, of captures and condemnati-

ons of American veſſels which were the ſubject of the ſeventh article of the Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation between the United States and Great Britain, that it is ſuppoſed the Commiſſioners will be able to bring their buſineſs to a concluſion in Auguſt of the enſuing year.

The Commiſſioners acting under the twenty-fifth article of the Treaty, between the United States and Spain, have adjuſted moſt of the claims of our citizens for loſſes ſuſtained in conſequence of their veſſels and cargoes having been taken by the ſubjects of his Catholic Majeſty during the late war between France and Spain.

Various circumſtances have concurred to delay the execution of the law for augmenting the military eſtabliſhment. Among theſe the deſire of obtaining the fulleſt information to direct the beſt ſelection of officers. As this object will now be ſpeedily accompliſhed, it is expected that the raiſing and organizing of the troops, will proceed without obſtacle and with effect.

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,

I have directed an eſtimate of the appropriations, which will be neceſſary for the ſervice of the enſuing year, to be laid before you, accompanied with a view of the public receipts and expenditures to a

recent period. It will afford you ſatisfaction to infer the great extent and ſolidity of the public reſources, from the proſperous ſtate of the finances, notwithſtanding the unexampled embarraſſments which have attended Commerce. When you reflect on the conſpicuous examples of patriotiſm and liberality, which have been exhibited by our mercantile fellow citizens, and how great a proportion of the public reſources, depends on their enterprize, you will naturally conſider, whether their convenience cannot be promoted and reconciled with the ſecurity of the revenue, by a reviſion of the ſyſtem, by which the collection is at preſent regulated.

During your receſs, meaſures have been ſteadily purſued for effecting the valuations and returns directed by the act of the laſt ſeſſion, preliminary to the aſſeſſment and collection of a direct tax. No other delays or obſtacles have been experienced, except ſuch as were expected to ariſe from the great extent of our country and the magnitude and novelty of the operation, and enough has been accompliſhed to aſſure a fulfilment of the views of the legiſlature.

Gentlemen of the Senate, and
Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,

I cannot cloſe this addreſs, without once more adverting to our political ſituation, and inculcating the

eſſential importance of uniting in the maintenance of our deareſt intereſts; and I truſt, that by the temper and wiſdom of your proceedings, and by a harmony of meaſures, we ſhall ſecure to our country that weight and reſpect, to which it is ſo juſtly entitled.

JOHN ADAMS.

On motion,

Ordered, that Mr. Stockton, Mr. Read and Mr. Roſs be a committee to report the draft of an addreſs to the Preſident of the United States in anſwer to his ſpeech, this day, to both Houſes of Congreſs.

On motion,

Ordered, that the ſpeech of the Preſident of the United States, this day communicated to both Houſes of Congreſs, be printed for the uſe of the Senate.

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, *December* 10*th*, 1798.

The Honourable Uriah Tracy, from the State of Connecticut, attended.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives concur in the reſolution for the appointment of Chaplains. And he withdrew.

Mr. Stockton made report from the committee appointed to draft an addreſs, to the Preſident of the United States, in anſwer to his ſpeech, to both Houſes of Congreſs, at the opening of the ſeſſion—and the report was read.

Ordered, that it lie until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to the appointment of a Chaplain to Congreſs, on their part, and the Right Reverend Biſhop White, was unanimouſly elected.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives therewith.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives have elected the Reverend Doctor Aſhbel Green a Chaplain to Congreſs on their part. And he withdrew.

After the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, *December 11th*, 1798.

The Honourable James Watſon, appointed a Senator by the legiſlature of the State of New-York, in place of the Honourable John Sloſs Hobart, reſigned, produced his credentials, which were read, and the oath was, by the Preſident, adminiſtered to him as the law provides.

The Senate reſumed the conſideration of the report of the committee, of the draft of an addreſs in anſwer to the ſpeech of the Preſident of the United States, to both Houſes of Congreſs, at the opening of the ſeſſion; which being read in paragraphs, and amended, was adopted as as follows:

To the PRESIDENT of the UNITED STATES.

SIR,

THE Senate of the United States join you in thanks to Almighty God, for the removal of the late afflicting diſpenſations of his Providence, and for the PATRIOTIC SPIRIT, and general proſperity of our country. Sympathy for the ſufferings of our fellow-citizens from diſeaſe, and the important intereſts of the Union, demand of the National Legiſlature a ready co-operation with the State governments, in the uſe of ſuch means as ſeem

beſt calculated to prevent the return of this fatal calamity.

Although we have ſincerely wiſhed that an adjuſtment of our differences with the Republic of France, might be effected on ſafe and honorable terms, yet the information you have given us of the ultimate failure of the negotiation, has not ſurprized us. In the general conduct of that republic, we have ſeen a deſign of univerſal influence, incompatible with the ſelf-government, and deſtructive of the independence of other States. In its conduct towards theſe United States, we have ſeen a plan of hoſtility purſued with unremitted conſtancy—equally diſregarding the obligations of treaties, and the rights of individuals. We have ſeen two embaſſies formed for the purpoſe of mutual explanations, and clothed with the moſt extenſive and liberal powers, diſmiſſed without recognition and even without a hearing. The Government of France has not only refuſed to repeal, but has recently enjoined the obſervance of its former Edict, reſpecting merchandize of Britiſh fabric or produce, the property of neutrals, by which the interruption of our lawful commerce, and the ſpoliation of the property of our citizens have again received a public ſanction. Theſe facts indicate no change of ſyſtem or diſpoſition—they ſpeak a more intelligible language than profeſſions of ſolicitude to avoid a rup-

ture, however ardently made. But if after the repeated proofs we have given of a ſincere deſire for peace, theſe profeſſions ſhould be accompanied by inſinuations, implicating the integrity with which it has been purſued—If neglecting and paſſing by the conſtitutional and authorized agents of the government, they are made through the medium of individuals without public character or authority—and above all, if they carry with them a claim to preſcribe the political qualifications of the Miniſter of the United States to be employed in the negotiation, they are not entitled to attention or conſideration, but ought to be regarded as deſigned to ſeparate the people from their Government and to bring about by intrigue that which open force could not effect.

We are of opinion with you, Sir, that there has nothing yet been diſcovered in the conduct of France which can juſtify a relaxation of the means of defence adopted during the laſt ſeſſion of Congreſs, the happy reſult of which is ſo ſtrongly and generally marked. If the force by ſea and land which the exiſting laws authorize ſhould be judged inadequate to the public defence, we will perform the indiſpenſible duty of bringing forward ſuch other acts as will effectually call forth the reſources and force of our country.

A ſteady adherence to this wiſe and manly policy —a proper direction of the noble ſpirit of patri-

-otiſm which has ariſen in our country and which ought to be cheriſhed and invigorated by every branch of the government, will ſecure our liberty and independence againſt all open and ſecret attacks.

We enter on the buſineſs of the preſent ſeſſion with an anxious ſolicitude for the public good, and ſhall beſtow that conſideration on the ſeveral objects pointed out in your communication which they reſpectively merit.

Your long and important ſervices—your talents and firmneſs ſo often diſplayed in the moſt trying times and moſt critical ſituations, afford a ſure pledge of a zealous co-operation in every meaſure neceſſary to ſecure us juſtice and reſpect.

JOHN LAURENCE, Preſident of the Senate pro tempore.

Ordered, that the committee who prepared the addreſs, wait on the Preſident of the United States, and deſire him to acquaint the Senate, at what time and place, it will be moſt convenient for him, that it ſhould be preſented.

Mr. Stockton, reported from the committee, that they had waited on the Preſident of the United States, and that he would receive the addreſs of the Senate, to-morrow at 12 o'clock, at his own houſe.

Whereupon,

Reſolved, that the Senate will to-morrow at 12 o'clock, wait on the Preſident of the United States accordingly.

After the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, *December 12th*, 1798.

Agreeable to the reſolution of yeſterday, the Senate waited on the Preſident of the United States, and the Preſident of the Senate, in their name, preſented the addreſs then agreed on.

To which the Preſident of the United States was pleaſed to make the following reply.

To the SENATE of the UNITED STATES.

GENTLEMEN,

I THANK you for this Addreſs, ſo conformable to the ſpirit of our Conſtitution, and the eſtabliſhed character of the Senate of the United States, for wiſdom, honor and virtue.

I have ſeen no real evidence of any change of ſyſtem or diſpoſition in the French Republic towards

the United States. Although the officious interference of individuals, without public character or authority, is not entitled to any credit, yet it deſerves to be conſidered, whether that temerity and impertinence of individuals, affecting to interfere in public affairs, between France and the United States, whether by their ſecret correſpondence or otherwiſe, and intended to impoſe upon the people, and ſeparate them from their Government, ought not to be enquired into and corrected.

I thank you, Gentlemen, for your aſſurances that you will beſtow that conſideration on the ſeveral objects, pointed out in my communication, which they reſpectively merit.

If I have participated in that underſtanding, ſincerity and conſtancy, which have been diſplayed by my fellow-citizens and countrymen, in the moſt trying times and critical ſituations, and fulfilled my duties to them, I am happy. The teſtimony of the Senate of the United States, in my favor, is an high and honorable reward, which receives, as it merits, my grateful acknowledgments. My zealous co-operation, in meaſures neceſſary to ſecure us juſtice and conſideration, may be always depended on.

JOHN ADAMS.

December 12, 1798.

The Senate returned to their own chamber.

After the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, *December 13th*, 1798.

On motion,

Ordered, that the Secretary notify the Houſe of Repreſentatives, that the ſummons iſſued by order of the Senate of the United States, againſt William Blount, on the firſt day of March laſt, to appear at their bar, on the third Monday of December inſtant, and anſwer to the impeachment made by the Houſe of Repreſentatives, for high crimes and miſdemeanors, has been duly ſerved on the ſaid William Blount, by the Sergeant at arms, and a return thereon is made to the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

After the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, *December* 14*th*, 1798.

The Honourable John E. Howard, from the State of Maryland, attended.

After the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, *December* 17*th*, 1798.

The Honourable Alexander Martin, from the State of North-Carolina, and the Honourable James Hillhouſe, from the State of Connecticut, ſeverally attended.

The Preſident laid before the Senate a report from the Commiſſioners of the ſinking fund, which was read as follows:

The Commiſſioners of the ſinking fund, reſpectfully report to Congreſs:

That the meaſures which have been authorized by the board ſubſequent to their report of the 4th of December, 1797, ſo far as the ſame have been completed are fully detailed in the report of the Secretary of the Treaſury to this Board dated the 12th of December, 1798, and in the proceedings of the accounting officers therein referred to, which are herewith tranſ-

mitted and prayed to be received as part of this report.

JOHN LAURENCE, Preſident
of the Senate pro tempore.

December 15th, 1798.

The Secretary of the Treaſury reſpectfully reports to the Commiſſioners of the ſinking fund.

That no purchaſes of the debt of the United States have been made ſince the date of the laſt report to Congreſs, on the 4th day of December 1797; and that the ſums heretofore purchaſed amount to *Two millions three hundred and ſeven thouſand ſix hundred and ſixty one dollars and ſeventy one cents*, for which there have been paid in ſpecie the ſum of *One million ſix hundred and eighteen thouſand nine hundred and thirty ſix dollars and four cents*, as will more particularly appear from the document hereto annexed marked (A).

That the following ſums have been applied towards the diſcharge of the principal debt of the United States, ſince the date of the laſt report to Congreſs of the 4th of December, 1797.

1ſt. To the third inſtallment of the ſix per cent ſtock bearing a preſent intereſt which purſuant to the act, entitled "An act making further proviſion for the ſupport of public credit, and for the redemption of the public debt,"

paſſed on the 3d day of March, 1795, and the act in addition thereto paſſed on the 28th day of April, 1796, became payable on the 1ſt day of January, 1798, the ſum of

Dollars 638,016 3

2d. To the payment of an inſtallment of the ſubſcription for Bank ſtock due on the laſt day of December, 1797, - - - 200,000

3d. To the payment of the ſecond inſtallment of the loan of 800,000 dollars obtained of the Bank of the United States purſuant to an act paſſed the 21ſt of February, 1795, - - - - 200,000

4th. To the payment of the firſt inſtallment of a loan of *one million of guilders* in Holland which fell due the preſent year purſuant to a contract dated the 1ſt June, 1787, eſtimated at *forty cents per guilder*, 80,000

Dollars 1,118,016 3

The payments before enumerated have been made out of the following funds.

1ſt. The intereſt fund on the ſums which accrued upon the ſtock purchaſed and veſted

in the Commiſſioners of the Sinking Fund in truſt for the United States as particularly ſtated in the document hereto annexed marked B.

Dollars 88,912 87

2d. The fund ariſing from the payment of debts which originated prior to the preſent Conſtitution of United States, as particularly ſtated in the document marked C. 17,714 95

3d. The fund ariſing from the ſales of lands in the North Weſtern Territory as particularly ſtated in the document hereto annexed marked D, - - - - 88,376 73

4th. The funds ariſing from eſtabliſhed revenues and appropriated for the reduction of the debts of the United States, being for the period, and in reference to the objects contained in this report, 923,011 48

Making in the whole a ſum equal to the reimburſements before mentioned, *Dollars* 1,118,016 3

The growing produce of the intereſt funds together with the ſums received and expected from eſtabliſhed revenues, are eſtimated by the Secretary, as ſufficient for the reimburſement of

the fourth inſtallment of the Six per cent Stock, bearing a preſent intereſt—a ſtatement of the amount and application of the ſaid funds will be exhibited to the Board with the next report.

All which is moſt reſpectfully ſubmitted by

OLIVER WOLCOTT,
Secretary of the Treaſury.

Treaſury Department,
12th of December, 1798.

Ordered, that the reports be printed for the uſe of the Senate.

The Preſident laid before the Senate, a report ſigned Winthrop Sargent, in behalf of the Governor of the North Weſtern Territory, in purſuance of the order of the Senate of the 6th of March laſt, together with the copy of inſtructions to Robert Buntin, Surveyor of Knox County in the ſaid territory, which were read.

Ordered, that they, together with the petitions of Benjamin Reed and others, reſpecting claims within the ſaid territory, be referred to Mr. Roſs, Mr. Livermore and Mr. Paine, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

On motion,

Ordered, that Mr. Roſs, Mr. Read and Mr. Livermore, be a committee to prepare and re-

port rules for conducting the trial of an impeachment, now depending in the Senate, againſt William Blount, and to report thereon to the Senate.

Mr. Roſs, from the committee, laſt appointed, reported,

"That the legiſlative and executive buſineſs of the Senate be poſtponed, and that the Senate form itſelf into a Court of impeachment, by taking the oath preſcribed by a reſolution of this Houſe of the 9th of February laſt.

After the oath has been adminiſtered to the Preſident and Senate, the proceſs which on the firſt of March laſt, was directed to be iſſued and ſerved upon William Blount, and the return made thereupon ſhall be read. The officer who ſerved the proceſs ſhall be ſworn to the truth of the return thereof. The defendant William Blount ſhall be called to appear and anſwer the articles of impeachment exhibited againſt him. If he appears his appearance ſhall be recorded. If he does not appear his default ſhall be recorded.

The Houſe of Repreſentatives ſhall be notified of the appearance or default, of the defendant William Blount, and that the Senate will be ready at 12 o'clock to-morrow, to receive the managers appointed by that Houſe, and to take farther order in this trial."

And the report was adopted, and

The Senate formed itſelf into a Court of impeachment accordingly,

The Court of impeachment being adjourned —After the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, *December* 18*th*, 1798.

On motion,

Reſolved, that Mr. Roſs, Mr. Livermore and Mr. Stockton, be a committee to take into conſideration and report what rules are neceſſary to be adopted on the trial of the impeachment of William Blount.

On motion,

Reſolved, that Mr. Watſon, Mr. Bingham, Mr. Latimer, Mr. Goodhue and Mr. Bloodworth, be a committee to take into conſideration that part of the Preſident's ſpeech, reſpecting the expediency of eſtabliſhing regulations in aid of the Health Laws of the reſpective ſtates, and to report by bill, bills or otherwiſe.

On motion,

Reſolved, that Mr. Gunn, Mr. Howard and Mr. Roſs, be a committee to take into conſideration that part of the Preſident's ſpeech which reſpects the extenſion and invigoration of the meaſures of defence, other than thoſe which relate to a naval armament, and to report by bill, or otherwiſe.

On motion,

Reſolved, that Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Read, Mr. Tracy, Mr. Bingham and Mr. Watſon be a committee to take into conſideration ſo much of the Preſident's ſpeech as relates to the naval defence of the United States, and report by bill, bills or otherwiſe.

After proceedings as a Court of Impeachment, and the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, *December* 19*th*, 1798.

The Honourable Franklin Davenport, appointed a Senator by the Executive of the State of New-Jerſey, in the receſs of the Legiſlature, in the place of the Honourable John Rutherfurd, reſigned, produced his credentials, which were read, and the oath being adminiſtered to

him as the law provides, he took his ſeat in the Senate.

After the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, *December 20th*, 1798.

Mr. Roſs from the committee appointed to take into conſideration and report what rules are neceſſary to be adopted on the trial of the impeachment of William Blount, reported in part.

The report was read.

Ordered, that it be printed for the uſe of the Senate.

Mr. Tracy laid before the Senate the petition of Joſeph Ruſſell, jun. and others ſtating, that there is due to them from the United States intereſt on twenty-four thouſand four hundred dollars according to a reſolution of Congreſs of the 18th of March, 1780; and praying payment; which petition was read.

Ordered, that it lie on the table.

After the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, *December 21ſt*, 1798.

The Preſident laid before the Senate a letter from Samuel Meredith, Treaſurer, together with his ſpecie and War department accounts, ending 30th June, and War and Navy departments ending 30th September—which were read.

Ordered, that they lie on file.

The Senate proceeded to take into conſideration the report of the committee appointed to conſider what rules are neceſſary to be adopted by the Senate, in the trial of William Blount—and the report being amended was adopted as follows:

Reſolved, that at the next opening of the Court of Impeachment, the Preſident ſhall enquire whether the Managers have any requeſt to make, before the counſel of the defendant are called to put in his anſwer.

If no motion or requeſt is made, the defendant's counſel ſhall be required to put in his anſwer, or plea, to the articles of impeachment.

The anſwer or plea ſhall be read by the Secretary, and entered by him on the Journal.

A copy of the defendant's anſwer or plea ſhall be communicated to the Houſe of Repreſentatives by the Secretary.

The Preſident ſhall then inform the Managers, that the Senate is ready to hear any reply or motion, which they may think proper to make.

All queſtions, ariſing in the courſe of the trial, ſhall be decided with cloſed doors. The deciſions ſhall be by Ayes and Noes, which ſhall be entered upon the Journal. When the queſtion is decided, the doors ſhall be opened, the parties called in, and the reſult made known to them by the Preſident.

Witneſſes ſhall be ſworn by the Secretary, and ſhall take the following oath:

I, A. B. do ſwear, (or affirm, as the caſe may be) that the evidence I will give to this Court, touching the impeachment of William Blount, now here depending, ſhall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth—So help me God.

Witneſſes ſhall be examined by the party producing them, and then croſs-examined in the uſual form. If a Senator wiſhes any queſtion to be aſked, it ſhall be put by the Preſident.

If Senators are called as witneſſes, they ſhall be ſworn, and give their teſtimony ſtanding in their places."

Ordered, that the Secretary inform the Houſe of Repreſentatives, that the Senate taking into their care the ordering of the trial of William Blount, late a Senator of the United States from the State of Tenneſſee, on Monday the 24th of December inſtant, have prepared ſome rules to be obſerved at ſaid trial, which they have thought fit to communicate to the Houſe of Repreſentatives.

After the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, *December 24th*, 1798.

The Senate reſolved themſelves into a Court of impeachment; and after proceedings therein, and the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

They adjourned to 11 o'clock on Wedneſday morning.

WEDNESDAY, *December 26th*, 1798.

The Honourable James Lloyd, from the State of Maryland, attended.

After the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, *December 27th*, 1798.

The Honourable Thomas Jefferſon, Vice-Preſident of the United States and Preſident of the Senate, attended,

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives have paſſed a bill, entitled "An Act reſpecting balances reported againſt certain ſtates, by the Commiſſioners appointed to ſettle the accounts between the United States and the ſeveral ſtates," and a bill, entitled "An Act providing for the enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States," in which bills they deſire the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bills were read.

Ordered, that they ſeverally paſs to the ſecond reading,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, *December 28th*, 1798.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled, "An Act providing for the enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States," was read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Paine, Mr. Read and Mr. Hillhouſe, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled, "An Act reſpecting balances reported againſt certain States, by the Commiſſioners appointed to ſettle the accounts between the United States and the ſeveral States," was read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Laurance, Mr. Tracy and Mr. Martin, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

Mr. Tracy, notified the Senate that he ſhould to-morrow if the Senate ſhould be in ſeſſion, and if not, on Monday, move for leave to bring in a bill, authorizing the acceptance, from the ſtate of Connecticut, of a ceſſion of the juriſdiction of the territory weſt of Pennſylvania, commonly called the weſtern reſerve of Connecticut.

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, *December* 31*ſt*, 1798.

The Vice Preſident laid before the Senate a letter from the Honourable John Hunter, notifying his reſignation of his ſeat in the Senate.

The following written meſſage was received from the Preſident of the United States by Mr. Shaw his Secretary :

Gentlemen of the Senate and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,

A Report of the Secretary of War made to me on the twenty-fourth of this month, relative to the military eſtabliſhments, I think it my duty to tranſmit to Congreſs, and recommend to their conſideration.

JOHN ADAMS.

December 31*ſt*, 1798.

The meſſage and report were read.

Ordered, that they lie for conſideration.

Agreeably to notice given on the 28th inſtant, Mr. Tracy requeſted leave to bring in a bill, authorizing the acceptance, from the State of Connecticut, of a ceſſion of the juriſdiction of the territory, weſt of Pennſylvania, commonly called the Weſtern reſerve of Connecticut, and

On motion to agree thereto,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, 17. / Nays, 2.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the Senators preſent,

Thoſe who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Anderſon,
Mr. Bloodworth,
Mr. Chipman,
Mr. Foſter,
Mr. Goodhue,
Mr. Greene,
Mr. Gunn,
Mr. Hillhouſe,
Mr. Howard.
Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Livermore,
Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Marſhall,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Paine,
Mr. Read, and
Mr. Tracy.

Thoſe who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Laurance, and Mr. Roſs.

So leave was given and the bill was accordingly read the firſt time.

Ordered, that it paſs to the ſecond reading.

On motion, by Mr. Anderſon,

Mr. Smith obtained leave of abſence after Thurſday next, for the remainder of the ſeſſion.

After the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Wedneſday morning.

WEDNESDAY, *January 2d*, 1799.

The bill, authorizing the acceptance, from the ſtate of Connecticut, of a ceſſion of the juriſdiction of the territory, weſt of Pennſylvania, commonly called the Weſtern reſerve of Connecticut, was read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Read, Mr. Laurance, Mr. Roſs, Mr. Marſhall and Mr. Tracy, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

On motion, by Mr. Laurance,

Ordered, that the committee, laſt named, be inſtructed to make a ſpecial report on the ſubject referred to them.

Mr. Roſs laid before the Senate, the petition of Thomas Lewis, late Aid de Camp to the late Major General Wayne, praying compenſation for his ſervices as extra Aid de Camp, from the 16th of July, 1794, until the death of the General; which was read.

On motion,

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Roſs, Mr. Tracy and Mr. Gunn, to conſider and report thereon, by bill or otherwiſe.

After the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, *January* 3*d*, 1799.

On motion,

Reſolved, that in all queſtions of adjournment of the Court of Impeachment, as alſo in all queſtions on a motion that further time be allowed to the parties, the taking the queſtion by yeas and nays be diſpenſed with.

Mr. Laurance from the committee to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled, "An Act reſpecting the balances reported againſt certain ſtates, by the Commiſſioners appointed to ſettle the accounts between the United States and the ſeveral ſtates," reported the bill without amendment.

After proceedings in the Court of Impeachment and in the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, *January 4th*, 1799.

After proceedings as a Court of Impeachment,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, *January 5th*, 1799.

After proceedings as a Court of Impeachment,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, *January 7th*, 1799.

The Honourable John Brown, from the State of Kentucky, and the Honourable Theodore Sedgwick, from the State of Maſſachuſetts, ſeverally attended.

After proceedings as a Court of Impeachment, and in the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, *January 8th*, 1799.

The Honourable Stephens T. Maſon, from the ſtate of Virginia, attended.

The following written meſſage was received from the Preſident of the United States by Mr. Shaw his Secretary:

Gentlemen of the Senate and
Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,

In obedience to the law, I now lay before you, my annual account of the application of the grant made by Congreſs, for the contingent charges of government, from the 1ſt of January to the 31ſt of December, 1798.

JOHN ADAMS.

January 8th, 1799.

The meſſage and account were read.

Ordered, that they lie on the table.

After proceedings as a Court of Impeachment, and in the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, *January 9th*, 1799.

The Senate reſumed the ſecond reading of the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſenta-

tives, entitled "An act reſpecting balances reported againſt certain ſtates, by the Commiſſioners appointed to ſettle the accounts between the United States and the ſeveral ſtates."

On motion,

Ordered, that the further conſideration thereof be poſtponed until to-morrow.

On motion,

Ordered, that the report of the Secretary for the department of war, communicated with the meſſage of the Preſident of the United States of the 31ſt ult. be referred to the committee appointed the 18th of December laſt, on that part of the Preſident's ſpeech reſpecting the extenſion and invigoration of the meaſures of defence, other than thoſe which relate to a naval armament; to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

After proceedings as a Court of Impeachment,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, *January* 10th, 1799.

Mr. Read preſented the petition of Daniel Halloway, of Charleſton, South Carolina, praying relief from the operation of the Revenue laws of the United States, which was read.

Ordered, that it lie on the table.

After proceedings as a Court of Impeachment, and in the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, *January* 11*th*, 1799.

On motion,

Ordered, that the petition of Joſeph Ruſſel junr. and others be referred to Mr. Hillhouſe, Mr. Tracy and Mr. Greene, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

After proceedings as a Court of Impeachment, and in the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, *January* 14*th*, 1799.

Mr. Paine, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled, " An act providing for the enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States," reported amendments, which were read.

Ordered, that they lie for conſideration.

After proceedings as a Court of Impeachment, and in the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, *January 15th*, 1799.

The Senate took into conſideration the report of the committee to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled, "An act providing for the enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States;" and after debate,

Ordered, that the further conſideration thereof be poſtponed till to-morrow.

The Senate took into conſideration the report of the committee to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled, "An act reſpecting balances reported againſt certain States, by the Commiſſioners appointed to ſettle the accounts between the United States and the ſeveral ſtates."

On motion,

Ordered, that it be recommitted to Mr. Tracy, Mr. Paine and Mr. Sedgwick, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

Mr. Anderſon preſented the petition of Daniel Smith, praying compenſation for a negro and ſome horſes, ſtated to have been ſtolen by certain Cherokee Indians, which was read, and

On motion,

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Anderſon, Mr. Roſs and Mr. Tracy, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

On motion,

Ordered, that Mr. Roſs, Mr. Brown and Mr. Sedgwick, be a committee to conſider whether any, and what amendments, ought to be made, in the act, entitled "An act providing for the ſale of the lands of the United States in the Territory northweſt of the river Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river," and that the ſaid committee be authorized to report by bill or otherwiſe.

On motion,

Ordered, that Mr. Roſs, Mr. Read, Mr. Tracy, Mr. Sedgwick and Mr. Chipman be a committee, to conſider whether any diviſion, or other alteration ought to be made in the government of the Territory of the United States, northweſt of the river Ohio, and that the ſaid committee be authorized to report by bill or bills, or otherwiſe.

On motion, that it be,

Reſolved, that a committee be appointed to examine what laws have been adopted by the government of the Territory northweſt of the river Ohio, and to report how far the ſame may in their opinion, be authorized or expedient.

Ordered, that it lie for conſideration.

After the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, *January 16th*, 1799.

Mr. Watſon preſented the petition of Seth Harding, commander of ſeveral armed veſſels in the public ſervice during the late war, ſtating his ſervices and ſufferings, and praying compenſation; which petition was read.

Ordered, that it lie on the table.

The Senate reſumed the conſideration of the report of the committee, to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act providing for the enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States."

On motion, to agree to the firſt amendment, propoſed by the committee, Section 1ſt line 42d and to ſtrike out the words: "*May next*" and ſubſtitute "April one thouſand eight hundred" ſo that the clauſe ſtand "The enumeration ſhall commence on the firſt Monday in April one thouſand eight hundred."

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, 17. Nays, 6.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the Senators preſent,

Thoſe who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Bingham,	Mr. Livermore,
" Chipman,	" Marſhall,
" Davenport,	" Paine,
" Goodhue,	" Read,
" Greene,	" Roſs,
" Gunn,	" Sedgwick,
" Hillhouſe,	" Tracy and
" Howard,	" Watſon.
" Latimer,	

Thoſe who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Anderſon,	Mr. Langdon,
" Bloodworth,	" Martin and
" Brown,	" Maſon.

And the other amendments reported being agreed to, and the bill further amended,

Ordered, that it paſs to the third reading as amended.

On motion,

That the Secretary of the Senate be inſtructed to have copies of the Conſtitution of the United States, with the amendments which have been adopted, printed and bound in a ſmall form, for the uſe of the Senate.

Ordered, that this motion lie until to-morrow for conſideration.

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, *January 17th*, 1799.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act providing for the enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States," was read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs with amendments.

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in the amendments.

After the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, *January 18th*, 1799.

The Senate proceeded to the conſideration of the motion made the 16th inſt.

Whereupon,

Reſolved, that the Secretary of the Senate be inſtructed to have two hundred copies of the Conſtitution of the United States, with the amendments which have been adopted, printed and bound in a ſmall form.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives have paſſed a bill, entitled, "An act for the puniſhment of certain crimes therein ſpecified," in which they deſire the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill was read.

Ordered, that it paſs to the ſecond reading.

The Senate proceeded to conſider the motion made on the 15th inſt. which was amended.

Whereupon,

Reſolved, that Mr. Maſon, Mr. Roſs and Mr. Brown, be a committee to examine what laws have been adopted by the government of the Territory northweſt of the river Ohio, and report how far the ſame may, in their opinion, be expedient.

The following written meſſage was received from the Preſident of the United States by Mr. Shaw his Secretary.

Gentlemen of the Senate and
Gentlemen of the Houſe of Repreſentatives,

The Communication relative to our affairs with France, alluded to in my addreſs to both Houſes at the opening of the ſeſſion, is contained in the ſheets which accompany this. A report of the Secretary of State, containing ſome obſervations on them, will be ſent to Congreſs on Monday.

JOHN ADAMS.

January 18*th*, 1799.

The meſſage and papers were in part read.

Ordered, that the further reading thereof be poſtponed.

After the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, *January 21ſt*, 1799.

The Honourable Henry Tazewell, from the State of Virginia, attended.

Mr. Read, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, authorizing the acceptance, from the ſtate of Connecticut, of a ceſſion of the juriſdiction of the Territory, weſt of Pennſylvania, commonly called the Weſtern reſerve of Connecticut, having enquired into the ſubject matter of the bill, made a ſpecial report thereon, together with the bill, without any amendment—and the report was read.

Ordered, that it paſs to the ſecond reading.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act for the puniſhment of certain crimes therein ſpecified," was read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Tazewell and Mr. Tracy, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

The following written meſſage was received from the Preſident of the United States by Mr. Shaw his Secretary.

Gentlemen of the Senate and
Gentlemen of the Houſe of Repreſentatives,

According to an intimation in my meſſage of Friday laſt, I now lay before Congreſs, a report of the Secretary of State containing his Obſervations on ſome of the documents which attended it.

JOHN ADAMS.

January 21*st*, 1799.

The papers referred to in the meſſage of the Preſident of the United States of the 18th inſtant, were read,

On motion,

That five hundred copies thereof be printed for the uſe of the Senate—It was agreed that the conſideration of this motion be poſtponed.

Mr. Gunn, from the committee appointed on that part of the Preſident's ſpeech reſpecting the extenſion and invigoration of the meaſures of defence, other than thoſe which relate to a naval armament, reported, in part, a bill for the better organizing of the troops of the United States, and for other purpoſes.

Ordered, that it paſs to the ſecond reading.

After the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, *January* 22*d*, 1799.

The communications referred to in the meſſage of the Preſident of the United States of the 21ſt inſtant were read.

On motion,

Reſolved, that five hundred copies of the meſſage of the Preſident of the United States of the 18th of the preſent month, and the papers accompanying the ſame, together with the report of the Secretary of State, communicated by the Preſident's meſſage of yeſterday, be printed for the uſe of the Senate.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives agree to ſome and diſagree to other amendments of the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An Act providing for the enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States." And he withdrew.

The Senate proceeded to conſider their amendments diſagreed to by the Houſe of Repreſentatives to the bill laſt mentioned: Whereupon,

Reſolved, that they do adhere to their ſaid amendments.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives therewith.

Mr. Watſon notified the Senate, that he ſhould to-morrow move for leave to bring in a bill, ſupplementary to the act, entitled, "An Act to eſtabliſh the Judicial Courts of the United States."

After the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, *January* 23*d*, 1799.

Agreeably to notice given yeſterday, Mr. Watſon had leave to bring in a bill, ſupplementary to the act, entitled "An act to eſtabliſh the Judicial Courts of the United States," which was read.

Ordered, that it paſs to the ſecond reading.

Mr. Greene, laid before the Senate the petition of Stephen Heffernan, praying allowance of the drawback on a certain quantity of Fiſh, ſtated to have been taken in the year 1797, although

the formalities required by law were caſually omitted; which petition was read.

Ordered, that it be referred to the Secretary for the department of the Treaſury, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives have paſſed a bill, entitled "An Act to authorize the reimburſement of monies expended in rendering aid to ſick and deſtitute American ſeamen in foreign countries," in which they deſire the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill was read.

Ordered, that it paſs to the ſecond reading.

The bill, for the better organizing the troops of the United States, and for other purpoſes, was read the ſecond time.

On motion,

Ordered, that the further conſideration thereof be poſtponed to Monday next.

On motion,

Ordered, that Mr. Chipman be of the committee to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act for the puniſhment of certain crimes therein ſpecified," in the place of Mr. Tazewell indiſpoſed.

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, *January* 24th, 1799.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act for the puniſhment of certain crimes therein ſpecified," reported the bill without amendment.

Ordered, that this bill paſs to the third reading.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act to authoriſe the reimburſement of monies expended in rendering aid to ſick and deſtitute American ſeamen in foreign countries," was read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Paine and Mr. Read to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

Mr. Roſs, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Lewis, reported a bill for his relief; which was read.

Ordered, that it paſs to the ſecond reading.

The Senate being informed that the Honourable Henry Tazewell one of the members of the Senate, from the ſtate of Virginia died this morning.

Reſolved, that a committee be appointed to take order for ſuperintending the funeral of the ſaid Henry Tazewell Eſq. and that the Senate will attend the ſame, and that notice of the event be given to the Houſe of Repreſentatives, and that this committee conſiſt of Mr. Maſon, Mr. Brown and Mr. Marſhall.

On motion,

Reſolved, Unanimouſly, that the members of the Senate, from a ſincere deſire of ſhewing every mark of reſpect due to the memory of the Honourable Henry Tazewell, deceaſed, late a member thereof, will go into mourning for him one month, by the uſual mode of wearing a crape round the left arm.

On motion,

Reſolved, That the Preſident of the Senate, notify the Executive of Virginia, of the death of the Honourable Henry Tazewell, late Senator of that ſtate for the United States.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy, their clerk.

Mr. PRESIDENT—The Houſe of Repreſentatives adhere to their diſagreement to ſundry amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An Act providing for the enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States. And he withdrew.

So the bill was loſt.

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, *January 25th*, 1799.

The Vice Preſident communicated the credentials of the Honourable William Hill Wells, elected a Senator for the ſtate of Delaware, in the place of the Honourable Joſhua Clayton deceaſed.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act for the puniſhment of certain crimes therein ſpecified," was read the third time.

On the final paſſage of the bill, the queſtion was,

Determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, 18. Nays, 2.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the Senators preſent,

Thoſe who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Bingham,	Mr. Livermore,
" Chipman,	" Lloyd,
" Davenport,	" Martin,
" Foſter,	" Paine,
" Goodhue,	" Read,
" Greene,	" Roſs,
" Gunn,	" Sedgwick,
" Howard,	" Tracy and
" Latimer,	" Watſon.

Thoſe who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Bloodworth, and Mr. Langdon,

So it was,

Reſolved, that this bill paſs.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives with the concurrence of the Senate in this bill.

Mr. Goodhue, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled, "An Act to authorize the re-imburſement of monies expended in rendering aid to ſick and deſtitute American ſeamen in foreign countries," reported amend-

ments; and the conſideration of the report was poſtponed.

Mr. Tracy, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act reſpecting balances reported againſt certain ſtates by the Commiſſioners appointed to ſettle the accounts between the United States and the ſeveral ſtates," reported amendments, which were read.

Ordered, that the report lie for conſideration.

The bill, ſupplementary to the act, entitled "An Act to eſtabliſh the Judicial Courts of the United States," was read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Watſon, Mr. Roſs and Mr. Read, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

The bill, for the relief of Thomas Lewis, was read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that the further conſideration thereof be poſtponed until Monday next.

Mr. Gunn, from the committee appointed on that part of the Preſident's ſpeech reſpecting the extenſion and invigoration of the meaſures of defence, other than thoſe which relate to a naval armament, made a further report, in

part, of a bill, for the eſtabliſhment of a Medical department, which was read.

Ordered, that it paſs to the ſecond reading.

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, *January 28th*, 1799.

The Senate reſumed the conſideration of the amendments reported by the committee, to whom was referred the bill ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act to authorize the reimburſement of monies expended in rendering aid to ſick and deſtitute American ſeamen in foreign countries," and after debate,

Ordered, That they be re-committed to the committee who made the report, further to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

The following written meſſage was received from the Preſident of the United States by Mr. Shaw his Secretary.

Gentlemen of the Senate and
Gentlemen of the Houſe of Repreſentatives,

An edict of the Executive Directory of the French Republic of the twenty ninth of October, 1798, incloſed in a letter from our Miniſter plenipotentiary, in London, of the ſix-

teenth of November, is of ſo much importance, that it cannot be too ſoon communicated to you and to the public.

JOHN ADAMS.

January 28th, 1799.

The meſſage and papers therein mentioned were read.

Ordered, that they be referred to the committee appointed the 18th of December laſt, on ſo much of the Preſident's ſpeech, as relates to the naval defence of the United States; and that the committee be inſtructed to have the ſame tranſlated and printed for the uſe of the Senate.

The Senate reſumed the ſecond reading of the bill, for the relief of Thomas Lewis.

Ordered, that this bill paſs to the third reading.

The Senate took into conſideration the amendments reported by the committee, to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act reſpecting balances reported againſt certain ſtates, by the commiſſioners appointed to ſettle the accounts between the United States and the ſeveral ſtates," and after debate,

Ordered, that the further conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives have paſſed a bill, entitled, "An Act further to ſuſpend the commercial intercourſe between the United States and France, and the dependencies thereof; and for other purpoſes," in which they deſire the concurrence of the Senate. They have appointed a joint committee, on their part, for enrolled bills, and requeſt the appointment of a joint committee on the part of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill, laſt mentioned, was read.

Ordered, that it paſs to the ſecond reading.

On motion,

Ordered, that Mr. Anderſon be of the joint committee for enrolled bills, on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, that the Secretary notify the Houſe of Repreſentatives thereof.

Mr. Read preſented the petition of Daniel Stevens, Superviſor of the Revenue for the diſtrict of South Carolina, in behalf of himſelf and the officers in his department, praying additional compenſation for their ſervices, which was read.

Ordered, that this petition lie on the table.

Mr. Roſs preſented the petition of Ennion Williams praying the excluſive privilege of manufacturing ſalt, from certain ſalt ſprings, in the north-weſtern Territory, particularly mentioned in the petition; and which was read.

Ordered, that it be referred to the committee appointed on the 15th inſtant, to conſider whether any diviſion or other alteration ought to be made in the government of the territory of the United States, northweſt of the river Ohio; to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, *January* 29*th*, 1799.

The bill, to regulate the Medical Eſtabliſhment, was read the ſecond time.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act further to ſuſpend the commercial intercourſe between the Uni-

ted States and France, and the dependencies thereof; and for other purpoſes," was read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Read, Mr. Bingham and Mr. Watſon, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

The Senate reſumed the ſecond reading of the bill, for the better organizing of the troops of the United States; and for other purpoſes.

On motion to ſtrike out the ſecond ſection of the bill, as follows:

"Sect. 2. *And be it further enacted*, that every Lieutenant Colonel Commandant of a regiment heretofore appointed, ſhall be, and be denominated Colonel, every Enſign and every Cornet in the regiments heretofore appointed, ſhall be denominated hereafter ſecond Lieutenants, and the Lieutenants in the Corps of Artilleriſts and Engineers, firſt and ſecond Lieutenants."

It was determined in the negative, } Yeas, 10. } Nays, 12.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the Senators preſent,

Thoſe who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Anderſon,	Mr. Livermore,
" Bingham,	" Marſhall,
" Bloodworth,	" Martin,
" Brown,	" Maſon and
" Langdon,	" Paine,

Thoſe who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Chipman,	Mr. Lloyd,
" Davenport,	" Read,
" Greene,	" Roſs,
" Gunn,	" Sedgwick,
" Howard,	" Tracy and
" Latimer,	" Watſon,

And after progreſs,

Ordered, that the further conſideration of this bill be poſtponed.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy, their clerk.

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives have paſſed a bill, entitled "An Act reſpecting quarantines and health laws," in which they deſire the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

Mr. Anderſon, reported from the committee, that they had examined, and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled, "An Act for the puniſhment of certain crimes therein ſpecified."

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives having ſigned an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate, for the ſignature of the Vice-Preſident. And he withdrew.

The Vice Preſident ſigned the enrolled bill, laſt reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be laid before the Preſident of the United States.

After the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, *January 30th*, 1799.

The Honourable Joſiah Tattnall, from the ſtate of Georgia, attended.

Mr. Anderſon notified the Senate, that he ſhould to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a bill, to amend the act, entitled "An Act giving effect to the laws of the United States, within the diſtrict of Tenneſſee."

Mr. Davenport preſented the addreſs and remonſtrance of the inhabitants of the county of Eſſex, in the ſtate of New-Jerſey, againſt the "Alien and Sedition" laws, and againſt "Re-

gular and Standing Armies;" and the petition was read.

Mr. Howard preſented the petition of the managers of the Library Company in the city of Baltimore, praying exemption from the duties now chargeable on imported books; which was read.

Ordered, that it lie on the table.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act reſpecting quarantines and health laws," was read the firſt time.

Ordered, that it paſs to the ſecond reading.

The Senate reſumed the conſideration of the amendments reported by the committee, to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act reſpecting balances reported againſt certain ſtates, by the commiſſioners appointed to ſettle the accounts between the United States and the ſeveral ſtates," which being adopted,

Ordered, that this bill paſs to the third reading as amended.

The bill, for the relief of Thomas Lewis, was read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs, that it be engroſſed, and that the title thereof be "An Act for the relief of Thomas Lewis."

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in this bill.

Mr. Anderſon reported from the committee, that they had, this day, laid before the Preſident of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled, "An Act for the puniſhment of certain crimes therein ſpecified."

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives have paſſed a bill, entitled "An Act for the relief of Gazzam Taylor and Jones, of the city of Philadelphia," and a bill, entitled "An Act for the relief of Jonathan Haſkill," in which they deſire the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bills were read.

Ordered, that they ſeverally paſs to the ſecond reading.

The Vice Preſident laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary for the department of

Treaſury, of a general ſtatement of goods, wares and merchandize imported into the United States from the 1ſt of October 1796, to the 30th September 1797; which was read.

Ordered, that it lie on file.

Mr. Gunn, from the committee appointed on that part of the Preſident's ſpeech reſpecting the extenſion and invigoration of the meaſures of defence, other than thoſe which relate to a naval armament; further reported, in part, a bill, giving eventual authority to the Preſident of the United States, to augment the army; which bill was read.

Ordered, that it paſs to the ſecond reading.

The Senate reſumed the ſecond reading of the bill for the better organizing the troops of the United States; and for other purpoſes; and after progreſs,

Ordered, that the further conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, *January* 31*ſt*, 1799.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act for the relief of Jo-

nathan Haſkill' was read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Greene, Mr. Roſs and Mr. Sedgwick, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

Agreeably to notice given yeſterday, Mr. Anderſon obtained leave to bring in a bill, to amend an act, entitled "An Act giving effect to the laws of the United States within the diſtrict of Tenneſſee," which was read.

Ordered, That it paſs to the ſecond reading.

On motion,

It was agreed that a committee be appointed to take into conſideration the Act, entitled "An Act to regulate trade and intercourſe with Indian tribes, and to preſerve peace on the frontiers;" for the purpoſe of making amendments to the ſame if in their opinion neceſſary; and likewiſe the propriety of continuing the act in force longer than the third day of March next; with liberty to report by bill or otherwiſe.—And

Ordered, That Mr. Tracy, Mr. Anderſon and Mr. Gunn be the committee.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act for the relief of Gaz-

zam Taylor and Jones, of the city of Philadelphia," was read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Bingham, Mr. Watſon and Mr. Davenport, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

Mr. Foſter preſented the petition of John Brown and others, merchants of Providence, in the ſtate of Rhode-Iſland, praying that they may be enabled, at *public expence*, to proſecute their claims for the recovery of their property on the high ſeas, captured by the powers at war; and the petition was read.

On motion,

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Secretary for the Department of State for his report thereon; and that he be directed to report all caſes, with the circumſtances attending them, which have come to his knowledge, ſimilar to thoſe mentioned in ſaid petition.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "an Act reſpecting quarantines and health laws," was read the ſecond time.

Ordered, That it be referred to the committee appointed on the 18th December laſt, on that part of the Preſident's ſpeech, reſpecting the expediency of eſtabliſhing regulations in aid of the

health laws of the reſpective ſtates; to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

The bill ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act reſpecting balances reported againſt certain ſtates, by the commiſſioners appointed to ſettle the accounts between the United States and the ſeveral ſtates," was read the third time.

On the final paſſage of this bill as amended, the queſtion was,

Determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, 17. Nays, 10.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the Senators preſent,

Thoſe who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Bingham,	Mr. Paine,
" Chipman,	" Read,
" Davenport,	" Roſs,
" Goodhue,	" Sedgwick,
" Gunn,	" Stockton,
" Howard,	" Tatnall,
" Latimer,	" Tracy and
" Livermore,	" Watſon,
" Lloyd,	

Thoſe who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Anderſon,	Mr. Hillhouſe,
" Bloodworth,	" Langdon,
" Brown,	" Marſhall,
" Foſter,	" Martin and
" Greene,	" Maſon.

So it was,

Reſolved, that this bill paſs with amendments.

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in the amendments.

Mr. Read, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act further to ſuſpend the commercial intercourſe between the United States and France, and the dependencies thereof; and for other purpoſes," reported amendments; which were read.

Ordered, that they lie for conſideration.

The Senate reſumed the ſecond reading of the bill, for the better organizing of the troops of the United States; and for other purpoſes; and after progreſs,

Ordered, that it be referred to the committee, who reported the bill, further to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

The bill, giving eventual authority to the Preſident of the United States, to augment the army; was read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that the further conſideration thereof be poſtponed until Tueſday next.

The Senate resumed the second reading of the bill, to regulate the Medical Establishment; and after progress the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States by Mr. Shaw his Secretary.

Gentlemen of the Senate and
Gentlemen of the House of Representatives;

I HAVE received a report from the Director of the Mint on the state of the business committed to his superintendance, and a statement of the coinage of the Mint of the United States for the year 1798, which it is proper to lay before Congress.

JOHN ADAMS.

January 31*st*, 1799.

The message and papers were read.

Ordered, that they lie for consideration.

After the consideration of the executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, *February* 1*st*, 1799.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments reported by the committee to whom was

referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act further to ſuſpend the commercial intercourſe between the United States and France, and the dependencies thereof; and for other purpoſes;" and the report was in part agreed to; and after debate,

Ordered, that the conſideration of the bill be poſtponed.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives have paſſed a bill, entitled "An Act to alter the ſtamp duties impoſed upon foreign bills of exchange and bills of lading, by an act, intituled "An act laying duties on ſtamped vellum, parchment and paper;" and further to amend the ſame," in which they deſire the concurrence of the Senate. The Preſident of the United States hath notified the Houſe of Repreſentatives that on the 31ſt ultimo, he approved and ſigned "An Act for the puniſhment of certain crimes therein ſpecified." And he withdrew.

The bill, laſt brought from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, was read.

Ordered, that it paſs to the ſecond reading.

The bill, to amend an act, entitled "An Act giving effect to the laws of the United States within the district of Tennessee," was read the second time.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Anderson, Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Ross, to consider and report thereon to the Senate.

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, *February 4th*, 1799.

The Honourable William Hill Wells, appointed a Senator by the Legislature of the State of Delaware, in place of the Honourable Joshua Clayton, deceased, attended; and his credentials being read, and the oath required by law administered to him, he took his seat in the Senate.

On motion,

Ordered, That the committee appointed on the message of the President of the United States of the 28th of January last, be instructed to report by bill.

On motion,

Ordered, That the petition of Daniel Stevens, presented to the Senate on the 28th of January last, be referred to the Secretary for the Depart-

ment of Treaſury, to report thereon to the Senate,

The Senate reſumed the ſecond reading of the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act further to ſuſpend the commercial intercourſe between the United States and France, and the dependencies thereof: and for other purpoſes," and after debate,

Ordered, That the further conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

After the conſideration of the Executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, *February 5th*, 1799.

Mr. Goodhue, from the committee to whom was referred the meſſage of the Preſident of the United States, of the 28th of January laſt, together with the copy of an Arret of the Directory of the French Republic, of the 29th of October 1798, reported a bill, veſting the power of retaliation, in certain caſes in the Preſident of the United States; which was read.

Ordered, That this bill paſs to the ſecond reading.

Mr. Roſs, from the committee appointed to

conſider whether any, and what amendments, ought to be made, in the Act, entitled "An Act providing for the ſale of the lands of the United States in the territory north-weſt of the river Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river," reported a bill, to amend the ſame; which was read.

Ordered, That this bill paſs to the ſecond reading.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act to alter the ſtamp duties impoſed upon foreign Bills of Exchange and Bills of Lading," by an Act, intituled "An Act laying duties on ſtamped vellum, parchment and paper;" and further to amend the ſame," was read the ſecond time.

Ordered, That it be referred to Mr. Bingham, Mr. Read and Mr. Sedgwick, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

The Senate reſumed the ſecond reading of the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act further to ſuſpend the commercial intercourſe between the United States and France, and the dependencies thereof; and for other purpoſes."

On motion, to expunge the fourth ſection of the bill, amended as follows:

Sec. 4. *Provided, and be it further enacted*, That at any time after the paſſing of this act, it ſhall be lawful for the Preſident of the United States, if he ſhall deem it expedient and conſiſtent with the intereſts of the United States, by his order to remit and diſcontinue for the time being the reſtraints and prohibitions aforeſaid, either with reſpect to the French Republic, or to any iſland, port or place belonging to the ſaid Republic, with which a commercial intercourſe may ſafely be renewed; and alſo to revoke ſuch order, whenever in his opinion the intereſt of the United States ſhall require, and he ſhall be, and hereby is authorized to make proclamation thereof accordingly.

It was determined in the negative { Yeas 10. Nays 17.

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the Senators preſent,

Thoſe who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Anderſon,	Mr. Marſhall,
" Bloodworth,	" Martin,
" Brown,	" Maſon,
" Gunn,	" Read, and
" Langdon,	" Tatnall.

Thoſe who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Bingham,	Mr. Lloyd,
" Chipman,	" Paine,
" Davenport,	" Roſs,
" Foſter,	" Sedgwick,
" Goodhue,	" Stockton
" Greene,	" Tracy,
" Hillhouſe,	" Watſon,
" Howard,	and
" Livermore,	" Wells.

On motion, to expunge the fifth ſection of the bill, as follows:

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That it ſhall be lawful for the Preſident of the United States, if he ſhall judge it expedient and for the intereſt of the United States, to iſſue a proclamation for ſuſpending and prohibiting all commercial intercourſe between the United States and any port or place in the Weſt-Indies or elſewhere, to which ſhips or veſſels of the United States, captured by ſhips of war or privateers, ſailing under the authority or colour of authority from the French Republic, ſhall be allowed to be ſent or carried, and to be there condemned or ſold. And ſuch proclamation ſhall be effectual to prevent the departure of any veſſel which ſhall not conform thereto, after notice of the ſame at the offices of the ſeveral collectors of the collection diſtricts of the United States; and from and after the expiration of two months or any longer time which ſhall be therein expreſſed, ſhall be effectual to prevent the entry of any veſſel coming from the

port or place with which the commercial intercourſe ſhall be thereby prohibited.—And it ſhall alſo be lawful for the Preſident of the United States to revoke any ſuch proclamation whenever, in his opinion, the public intereſt may require the ſame.

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, 10. Nays, 16.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the Senators preſent,

Thoſe who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Anderſon,	Mr. Marſhall,
" Bloodworth,	" Martin,
" Brown,	" Maſon,
" Gunn,	" Read and
" Langdon,	" Tattnall.

Thoſe who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Bingham,	Mr. Livermore,
" Chipman,	" Lloyd,
" Davenport,	" Paine,
" Foſter,	" Roſs,
" Goodhue,	" Stockton,
" Greene,	" Tracy,
" Hillhouſe,	" Watſon, and
" Howard,	" Wells.

Ordered, That this bill paſs to the third reading.

Mr. Anderſon, from the committee, to whom was referred the bill, to amend an act, entitled "An Act giving effect to the laws of the United States within the diſtrict of Tenneſſee," reported amendments.

Ordered, that they lie for conſideration.

The Vice Preſident laid before the Senate the account of James Mathers, their ſergeant at arms, for his expenſe and trouble in ſerving the proceſs on William Blount, impeached for high crimes and miſdemeanors.

On motion,

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Tracy, Mr. Bingham and Mr. Read, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

Mr. Bingham, from the committee, to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act for the relief of Gazzam, Taylor and Jones, of the city of Philadelphia," reported the bill without amendment.

Mr. Tracy, notified the Senate that he ſhould to-morrow aſk leave to bring in a bill, to continue in force the firſt ſection of the act paſſed the 6th of May 1796, entitled An Act making further proviſion relative to revenue cutters.—

A bill to continue in force the 5th ſection of the Act, entitled "An Act in addition to the Act, entitled "An Act to eſtabliſh the Poſt Office and Poſt Roads within the United States;" and a bill making permanent appropriations, for carrying into effect the Treaty made on the 2d of October laſt, with the Cherokee Tribe of Indians.

Mr. Gunn, from the committee, to whom was referred the bill, for the better organizing the troops of the United States; and for other purpoſes, reported amendments.

Ordered, that they lie for conſideration.

After the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, *February 6th*, 1799.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives agree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An Act reſpecting balances reported againſt

certain ſtates, by the commiſſioners appointed to ſettle the accounts between the United States and the ſeveral ſtates," with an amendment to their firſt amendment, in which they deſire the concurrence of the Senate. They have paſſed a bill, entituled "An Act to amend the act, entitled "An Act to provide for the valuation of the lands and dwelling houſes, and the enumeration of ſlaves within the UnitedStates," in which they deſire the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill laſt mentioned was read.

Ordered, that it paſs to the ſecond reading.

The Senate proceeded to conſider the amendment of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, to their amendment, to the bill, entitled "An Act reſpecting balances reported againſt certain ſtates, by the commiſſioners appointed to ſettle the accounts between the United States and the ſeveral ſtates."

Reſolved, that they aſk a conference thereon, and that Mr. Watſon and Mr. Sedgwick, be managers at the ſame, on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives therewith.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act further to ſuſpend

the commercial intercourſe between the United States and France, and the dependencies thereof; and for other purpoſes," was read the third time.

On motion, to add the following proviſo to the 4th ſection:

Provided, that a notice of not leſs than nineteen days of the opening commerce with the French Republic, or any port or place, under the government thereof, by authority of this act, and of not leſs than thirty days of the revocation of any order, iſſued by the Preſident, by virtue of this act, ſhall be given."

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, 13. Nays, 15.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the Senators preſent,

Thoſe who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Anderſon,	Mr. Lloyd,
" Bloodworth,	" Marſhall,
" Brown,	" Martin,
" Chipman,	" Maſon,
" Gunn,	" Read
" Langdon,	and
" Livermore,	" Tattnall.

Thoſe who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Bingham,	Mr. Paine,
" Davenport,	" Roſs,
" Foſter,	" Sedgwick,
" Goodhue,	" Stockton,
" Greene,	" Tracy,
" Hillhouſe,	" Watſon
" Howard,	and
" Latimer,	" Wells.

On motion, to amend the motion to be read as follows:

" *Provided*, that notice ſhall be given of not leſs than thirty days, of the revocation of any order iſſued by the Preſident, by virtue of this act."

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, 18. / Nays, 10.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the Senators preſent,

Thoſe who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Bingham,	Mr. Livermore,
" Chipman,	" Lloyd,
" Davenport,	" Marſhall,
" Foſter,	" Paine,
" Goodhue,	" Sedgwick,
" Greene,	" Stockton,
" Hillhouſe,	" Tracy,
" Howard,	" Watſon and
" Latimer,	" Wells.

Thoſe who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Anderſon,	Mr. Martin,
" Bloodworth,	" Maſon,
" Brown,	" Read,
" Gunn,	" Roſs and
" Langdon,	" Tattnall.

And on the queſtion to agree to the motion thus amended,

It was determined in the negative.

And having agreed to ſeveral amendments to the bill, the queſtion on the final paſſage thereof, as amended, was

Determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, 18. / Nays, 10.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the Senators preſent,

Thoſe who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Bingham,	Mr. Livermore,
" Chipman,	" Lloyd,
" Davenport,	" Paine,
" Foſter,	" Roſs,
" Goodhue,	" Sedgwick,
" Greene,	" Stockton,
" Hillhouſe,	" Tracy,
" Howard,	" Watſon and
" Latimer,	" Wells.

Thoſe who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Anderſon,	Mr. Marſhall,
" Bloodworth	" Martin,
" Brown,	" Maſon,
" Gunn,	" Read and
" Langdon,	" Tattnall.

So it was,

Reſolved, that this bill paſs with amendments.

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in the amendments.

The Vice-Preſident laid before the Senate a letter from the Secretary for the department of Treaſury, with a ſtatement of goods, wares and merchandize, exported from the United States, during one year, prior to the 1ſt day of October 1798; which were read.

Ordered, that they lie for conſideration.

After the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, *February 7th*, 1799.

The Senate proceeded to conſider the report of the committee to whom was referred the

bill, for the better organizing of the troops of the United States, and for other purpoſes; and having agreed thereto, and further amended the bill,

Ordered, That it paſs to the third reading.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives agree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled, "An Act further to ſuſpend the commercial intercourſe between the United States and France, and the dependencies thereof; and for other purpoſes;"—They agree to the conference requeſted by the Senate on the ſubject matter of the amendment propoſed by the Houſe of Repreſentatives to the amendment of the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An Act reſpecting balances reported againſt certain ſtates, by the commiſſioners appointed to ſettle the accounts between the United States and the ſeveral ſtates;" and have appointed managers at the ſame on their part. And he withdrew

After the conſideration of the Executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, *February 8th*, 1799.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act to amend the act, entitled "An Act providing for the valuation of lands and dwelling-houſes, and the enumeration of ſlaves, within the United States;" was read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Tracy, Mr. Roſs and Mr. Sedgwick, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to conſider the amendments reported by the committee, to whom was referred the bill, to amend an act, entitled "An Act giving effect to the laws of the United States, within the diſtrict of Tenneſſee;" and having agreed thereto,

Ordered, that this bill paſs to the third reading.

Mr. Goodhue, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act to authorize the reimburſement of monies expended in rendering aid to ſick and deſtitute American ſeamen in foreign countries," reported amendments.

Agreeably to notice given on the 5th inſtant, Mr. Tracy obtained leave to bring in a bill, making appropriations for defraying the ex-

penſes which may ariſe in carrying into effect certain Treaties between the United States and ſeveral Tribes or nations of Indians; which was read.

Ordered, that it paſs to the ſecond reading.

The bill, veſting the power of retaliation, in certain caſes, in the Preſident of the United States; was read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that this bill paſs to the third reading.

On motion,

Ordered, that the bill, authorizing the acceptance, from the ſtate of Connecticut, of a ceſſion of the juriſdiction of the territory weſt of Pennſylvania, commonly called the Weſtern Reſerve of Connecticut; be the order of the day for Monday next.

Mr. Anderſon, from the committee, reported that they had examined, and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An Act further to ſuſpend the commercial intercourſe between the United States and France, and the dependencies thereof."

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives having ſigned an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the ſignature of the Vice Preſident. And he withdrew.

The Vice Preſident ſigned the enrolled bill, laſt reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be laid before the Preſident of the United States.

The bill, to amend the act, entitled "An Act providing for the ſale of the lands of the United States in the territory northweſt of the river Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river," was read the ſecond time; and after progreſs,

Ordered, that the further conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

Mr. Anderſon, reported from the committee, that they had this day, laid the enrolled bill laſt mentioned, before the Preſident of the United States.

After the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, *February 9th*, 1799.

Mr. Sedgwick, notified the Senate, that he ſhould on Monday, aſk leave to bring in a bill, touching the mode of ſurrendering a defendant, who has been held to ſpecial bail in one diſtrict, and is afterwards arreſted in another.

Mr. Bingham preſented the petition of John Vaughan of Philadelphia, ſtating that he had received from the Mint, in the year 1795, in return for bullion depoſited there, a certain quantity of ſilver, below the ſtandard alloy; and praying allowance for the deficiency; and the petition was read.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy, their Clerk.

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives have paſſed the bill, ſent from the Senate, entitled "An Act for the relief of Thomas Lewis." And he withdrew.

The Senate reſumed the ſecond reading of the bill, to amend the act, entitled "An Act providing for the ſale of the lands of the United States in the territory northweſt of the river Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river."

On motion, to ſtrike out the eighth ſection of the bill as follows:

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That aliens reſiding within the United States or elſewhere ſhall be capable of purchaſing and holding lands in the territory of the United States northweſt of the river Ohio, and their heirs may ſucceed to them ab inteſtato in the ſame manner as if they were citizens, and they may grant, ſell and deviſe the ſame to whom they pleaſe, whether citizens or aliens, and that neither they, their heirs, or aſſigns ſhall, ſo far as may reſpect the ſaid lands, and the legal remedies incident thereto be regarded as aliens.

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, 13. Nays, 11.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the Senators preſent,

Thoſe who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Chipman,
" Foſter,
" Goodhue,
" Greene,
" Hillhouſe,
" Howard,
" Martin,
Mr. Read,
" Sedgwick,
" Stockton,
" Tracy,
" Watſon
and
" Wells.

Thoſe who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Anderſon,	Mr. Livermore,
" Bingham,	" Marſhall,
" Bloodworth,	" Maſon,
" Brown,	" Roſs
" Gunn,	and
" Langdon,	" Tattnall.

Ordered, that this bill paſs to the third reading.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives dy Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives have paſſed a bill, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," in which they deſire the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, *February 11th*, 1799.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Sedgwick had leave to bring in a bill, touching the mode of ſurrendering a defendant who has been held to ſpecial bail, in one diſtrict, and is afterwards arreſted in another; which was read.

Ordered, that it paſs to the ſecond reading.

Mr. Watſon, from the managers appointed at the conference, on the diſagreeing votes of the two Houſes, on the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act reſpecting balances reported againſt certain ſtates, by the commiſſioners appointed to ſettle the accounts between the United States and the ſeveral ſtates," reported that the Senate *adhere* to their amendment diſagreed to by the Houſe of Repreſentatives, with amendments; and the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives therewith.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," was read the firſt time.

On motion, it was agreed by unanimous conſent to diſpenſe with the rule, and that this bill be now read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Read and Mr. Watſon, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Preſident of the United States hath notified the Houſe of Repreſentatives, that on the 9th inſtant, he approved and ſigned "An Act further to ſuſpend the commercial intercourſe between the United States and France, and the dependencies thereof." And he withdrew.

The bill, for the better organizing the troops of the United States; and for other purpoſes, was read the third time, and being further amended;

Reſolved, that this bill paſs, that it be engroſſed, and that the title thereof be, "An Act for the better organizing of the troops of the United States; and for other purpoſes."

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in this bill.

Mr. Greene, from the committee, to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act for the relief of Jonathan Haſkill," reported the bill without amendment.

Mr. Roſs, from the committee to whom it was referred to conſider whether any diviſion or other alteration ought to be made in the government of the territory of the United States, northweſt of the river Ohio, reported a bill, to

reform the ſuperior Court of the Territory of the United States, northweſt of the river Ohio; which was read.

Ordered, that it paſs to the ſecond reading.

On motion,

Ordered, that the bill giving eventual authority to the Preſident of the United States to augment the army, be committed to the committee who reported the bill.

After the conſideration of the Executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, *February* 12*th*, 1799.

The Vice Preſident laid before the Senate a letter from Samuel Meredith, Treaſurer of the United States, with his account of receipts and expenditures in the Treaſury department for the quarter ending the 30th September laſt, which were read.

Ordered, that they lie on file.

The bill, touching the mode of ſurrendering a defendant, who has been held to ſpecial bail,

in one diſtrict, and is afterwards arreſted in another, was read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Stockton and Mr. Chipman, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

The bill, to amend an act, entitled "An act giving effect to the laws of the United States within the diſtrict of Tenneſſee," was read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs, that it be engroſſed, and that the title thereof be "An Act to amend an act, entitled "An Act giving effect to the laws of the United States within the diſtrict of Tenneſſee."

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in this bill.

The bill, to amend the act, entitled "An Act providing for the ſale of the lands of the United States in the territory northweſt of the river Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river," was read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs, that it be engroſſed, and that the title thereof be "An Act to amend the act, entitled "An Act providing for the ſale of the lands of the United States in the territory northweſt of the river Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river."

Ordered, that the Secretary desire the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill, vesting the power of retaliation, in certain cases, in the President of the United States, was read the third time, and being amended, the question on the final passage thereof, was

Determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, 22. Nays, 2.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Lloyd,
" Bloodworth,	" Marshall,
" Chipman,	" Martin,
" Davenport,	" Paine,
" Foster,	" Ross
" Goodhue,	" Sedgwick,
" Greene,	" Stockton,
" Gunn,	" Tattnall.
" Hillhouse,	" Tracy,
" Latimer,	" Watson and
" Livermore,	" Wells.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Howard and Mr. Langdon,

So it was,

Reſolved, that this bill paſs, that it be engroſſed, and that the title thereof be "An Act veſting the power of retaliation, in certain caſes, in the Preſident of the United States."

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in this bill.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives recede from their amendment, to the firſt amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An Act reſpecting balances reported againſt certain ſtates, by the commiſſioners appointed to ſettle the accounts between the United States and the ſeveral ſtates;" and agree to the modification and amendment of the ſaid amendment in conformity to the report of the joint committee of conference thereon—They have paſſed a bill, entitled "An Act for the augmentation of the navy," a bill, entitled "An Act authoriſing the purchaſe of timber for naval purpoſes," and a bill, entitled "An Act authorizing the eſtabliſhment of docks," in which they deſire the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The Senate resumed the second reading of the bill, authorizing the acceptance from the state of Connecticut of a cession of the jurisdiction of the Territory, west of Pennsylvania, commonly called the Western Reserve of Connecticut; and after debate,

Ordered, that the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, *February 13th*, 1799.

The Vice President communicated a letter from the Executive of the state of Virginia, in answer to his of the 24th ultimo, stating that an appointment to fill the vacancy in the Senate, occasioned by the decease of the Honourable Henry Tazewell, would, probably, be deferred to the meeting of their Legislature.

Mr. Goodhue, from the committee, to whom was referred the bill, sent from the House of Representatives, entitled "An Act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," reported the bill without amendment.

The bill, sent from the House of Representatives, entitled "An Act for the augmentation of the navy"—the bill, entitled "An Act au-

thorizing the purchaſe of timber for naval purpoſes," and the bill, entitled "An Act authorizing the eſtabliſhment of docks," were ſeverally read the firſt time.

On motion, it was agreed by unanimous conſent to diſpenſe with the rule, and that theſe bills be now ſeverally read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that they be ſeverally referred to the committee appointed the 18th of December laſt, on ſo much of the Preſident's ſpeech as relates to the naval defence of the United States; to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

The Senate reſumed the ſecond reading of the bill, authorizing the acceptance, from the ſtate of Connecticut, of a ceſſion of the juriſdiction of the territory, weſt of Pennſylvania, commonly called the Weſtern Reſerve of Connecticut; and after debate,

Ordered, that the further conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

After the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, *February 14th*, 1799.

On motion,

Reſolved, that the committee to whom was referred, ſo much of the Preſident's ſpeech as relates to naval defence, be directed to enquire whether any, and what amendments may be neceſſary, to the act, entitled "An Act in addition to the act more effectually to protect the commerce and coaſts of the United States," and to report by bill or otherwiſe.

The Senate reſumed the ſecond reading of the bill, authorizing the acceptance, from the ſtate of Connecticut, of a ceſſion of the juriſdiction of the territory weſt of Pennſylvania, commonly called the Weſtern Reſerve of Connecticut.

On motion,

Ordered, that it be recommitted, together with the propoſed amendment, to Mr. Stockton, Mr. Tracy and Mr. Roſs; further to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy, their Clerk.

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives have paſſed a bill, entitled "An act appropriating a certain ſum of money to defray the expenſe of holding a treaty or treaties with the Indians;" and a bill, entitled "An Act for the relief of Joſeph

thorizing the purchaſe of timber for naval purpoſes," and the bill, entitled "An Act authorizing the eſtabliſhment of docks," were ſeverally read the firſt time.

On motion, it was agreed by unanimous conſent to diſpenſe with the rule, and that theſe bills be now ſeverally read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that they be ſeverally referred to the committee appointed the 18th of December laſt, on ſo much of the Preſident's ſpeech as relates to the naval defence of the United States; to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

The Senate reſumed the ſecond reading of the bill, authorizing the acceptance, from the ſtate of Connecticut, of a ceſſion of the juriſdiction of the territory, weſt of Pennſylvania, commonly called the Weſtern Reſerve of Connecticut; and after debate,

Ordered, that the further conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

After the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, *February 14th*, 1799.

On motion,

Reſolved, that the committee to whom was referred, ſo much of the Preſident's ſpeech as relates to naval defence, be directed to enquire whether any, and what amendments may be neceſſary, to the act, entitled "An Act in addition to the act more effectually to protect the commerce and coaſts of the United States," and to report by bill or otherwiſe.

The Senate reſumed the ſecond reading of the bill, authorizing the acceptance, from the ſtate of Connecticut, of a ceſſion of the juriſdiction of the territory weſt of Pennſylvania, commonly called the Weſtern Reſerve of Connecticut.

On motion,

Ordered, that it be recommitted, together with the propoſed amendment, to Mr. Stockton, Mr. Tracy and Mr. Roſs; further to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy, their Clerk.

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives have paſſed a bill, entitled "An act appropriating a certain ſum of money to defray the expenſe of holding a treaty or treaties with the Indians;" and a bill, entitled "An Act for the relief of Joſeph

Wheaton;" in which they desire the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bills were read.

Ordered, that they severally pass to the second reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments reported by the committee, to whom was referred the bill, sent from the House of Representatives, entitled "An Act to authorize the reimbursement of monies expended in rendering aid to sick and destitute American seamen in foreign countries," and having adopted the same,

Ordered, that this bill pass to the third reading.

On motion,

Ordered, that the bill, sent from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of the duties on imports and tonnage," be recommitted to the same committee who have before had it under their consideration; further to consider and report thereon to the Senate.

Mr. Bingham presented the petition of Samuel Watt, merchant of Philadelphia, praying the allowance of drawback, on certain goods

ſhipped on board the ſchooner Eagle, although by unavoidable accident the proviſions of the law were not complied with; and the petition was read.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Bingham, Mr. Watſon and Mr. Davenport, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

On motion,

Ordered, that the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act for the relief of Gazzam, Taylor and Jones of the city of Philadelphia," be recommitted to the committee appointed on the petition of Samuel Watt, further to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

On motion,

It was agreed by unanimous conſent to diſpenſe with the rule and that the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act appropriating a certain ſum of money to defray the expenſe of holding a treaty or treaties with the Indians," be now read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Gunn, Mr. Roſs and Mr. Livermore, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

The bill, making appropriations for defraying the expenſes which may ariſe in carrying into effect certain treaties between the United States, and ſeveral tribes or nations of Indians; was read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Roſs, Mr. Gunn and Mr. Livermore, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to conſider the report of the committee, te whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act for the relief of Jonathan Haſkill," and the report being adopted,

Ordered, that this bill paſs to the third reading.

Mr. Tracy, from the committee to whom was referred the account of James Mathers, reported a bill, allowing James Mathers compenſation for ſervices done for the United States, and expenſes incurred in rendering ſaid ſervices as Serjeant-at-Arms to the Senate, which was read.

Ordered, that it paſs to the ſecond reading.

The bill, to reform the Superior Court of the territory of the United States northweſt of the river Ohio; was read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it paſs to the third reading.

Mr. Goodhue, from the committee to whom was recommitted the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," reported amendments; which were read and adopted.

Ordered, that this bill paſs to the third reading.

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, *February 15th*, 1799.

Mr. Bingham, from the committee, to whom was recommitted the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act for the relief Gazzam, Taylor and Jones, of the city of Philadelphia;" reported amendments thereto; which were read and adopted.

Ordered, that this bill paſs to the third reading.

Mr. Gunn, from the committee, to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act appropriating a certain ſum of money to defray the expenſe of holding a treaty or treaties with the

Indians" reported the bill without amendment, which was read and adopted.

Ordered, that this bill paſs to the third reading.

Mr. Roſs, from the committee, to whom was referred the bill, making appropriations for defraying the expenſes which may ariſe in carrying into effect certain treaties between the United States and ſeveral tribes or nations of Indians; reported the bill without amendment, which was adopted.

Ordered, that this bill paſs to the third reading.

Mr. Maſon, preſented the petition of William Baſkerville, of Virginia, praying for the interpoſition of Congreſs in his behalf, againſt certain proceſſes commenced in the federal Court for breaches of the act, laying duties on ſtamped vellum, parchment and paper; and the petition was read.

Ordered, that it be referred to the committee appointed on the bill, entitled "An Act to alter the ſtamp duties impoſed upon foreign bills of exchange and bills of lading, by an act, intituled "An Act laying duties on ſtamped vellum, parchment and paper;" and further to amend the ſame," to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

Mr. Gunn, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, giving eventual authority to the Preſident of the United States to augment the army, reported amendments thereto.

Ordered, that they lie for conſideration.

Mr. Tracy, from the committee, to whom was referred the bill, authorizing the acceptance, from the ſtate of Connecticut, of a ceſſion of the juriſdiction of the territory, weſt of Pennſylvania, commonly called the Weſtern Reſerve of Connecticut, together with the amendments propoſed thereto, reported the bill without amendments.

Ordered, that they lie for conſideration.

Mr. Anderſon reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An Act for the relief of Thomas Lewis," and the bill, entitled "An Act reſpecting balances reported againſt certain ſtates, by the commiſſioners appointed to ſettle the accouuts between the United States and the ſeveral ſtates."

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," was read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs with amendments.

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in the amendments.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy, their Clerk.

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives having ſigned two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the ſignature of the Vice Preſident. The Houſe of Repreſentatives have paſſed the bill, ſent from the Senate, entitled "An Act to amend an act, entitled "An Act giving effect to the laws of the United States within the diſtrict of Tenneſſee;" they have paſſed a bill, entitled "An Act to eſtabliſh the compenſations of the officers employed in the collection of the duties of imports and tonnage, and for other purpoſes; and a bill, entitled "An Act fixing the pay of the captains and commanders of ſhips and veſſels of war of the United States;" in which they deſire the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The Vice Preſident ſigned the two enrolled bills, laſt reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be laid before the Preſident of the United States.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act to authorize the reimburſement of monies expended in rendering aid to ſick and deſtitute American ſeamen in foreign countries," was read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs with an amendment.

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in the amendment.

The bill, to reform the Superior Court of the territory of the United States northweſt of the river Ohio, was read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs, that it be engroſſed, and that the title thereof be "An Act to reform the Superior Court of the territory of the United States northweſt of the river Ohio."

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in this bill.

Mr. Anderſon, reported from the committee, that they had laid the two laſt mentioned *enrolled* bills, before the Preſident of the United States.

The bills, laſt brought from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, were read.

Ordered, that they ſeverally paſs to the ſecond reading.

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, *February 16th*, 1799.

The Honourable Charles Pinckney, elected a Senator by the Legiſlature of the State of South Carolina, in place of the Honourable John Hunter reſigned, produced his credentials, and the oath preſcribed by law being adminiſtered to him, he took his ſeat in the Senate.

The bill ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act to eſtabliſh the compenſations of the officers employed in the collection of the duties of imports and tonnage; and for other purpoſes," was read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Tracy, Mr. Goodhue and Mr. Chipman, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act fixing the pay of the captains and commanders of ſhips and veſſels of war of the United States," was read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Langdon, Mr Gunn and Mr. Bingham, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

A meſſage from the Preſident of the United States by Mr. Shaw his Secretary:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Preſident of the United States, on the 15th inſtant, approved and ſigned "An Act for the relief Thomas Lewis."

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives therewith.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act for the relief of Joſeph Wheaton," was read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Tracy, Mr. Anderſon and Mr. Wells, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

Mr. Goodhue, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act authorizing the eſtabliſhment of docks," reported the bill without amendment—He alſo reported the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act authorizing the purchaſe of timtimber for naval purpoſes," with amendments.

Ordered, that theſe reports ſeverally lie for conſideration.

The bill, allowing James Mathers compenſation for ſervices done for the United States, and expenſes incurred in rendering ſaid ſervices, as Sergeant-at-Arms to the Senate, was read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it paſs to the third reading.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act for the relief of Jonathan Haſkill," was read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives therewith.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act for the relief of Gazzam, Taylor and Jones, of the city of Philadelphia," was read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs with amendments.

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in the amendments.

The bill, making appropriations for defraying the expenſes which may ariſe in carrying

into effect certain treaties between the United States, and ſeveral tribes or nations of Indians; was read the third time, and the blank being filled up,

Reſolved, that this bill paſs, that it be engroſſed, and that the title thereof be "An Act making appropriations for defraying the expenſes which may ariſe in carrying into effect certain treaties between the United States and ſeveral tribes or nations of Indians."

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in the amendments.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act appropriating a certain ſum of money to defray the expenſe of holding a treaty or treaties with the Indians," was read the third time.

Reſolved, that the Senate concur in this bill.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives therewith.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk;

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Preſident of the United States hath notified the Houſe of Repreſentatives, that on th

15th inſtant, he approved and ſigned "An act reſpecting balances reported againſt certain ſtates, by the Commiſſioners appointed to ſettle the accounts between the United States and the ſeveral ſtates"—The Houſe of Repreſentatives agree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An Act to authorize the reimburſement of monies expended in rendering aid to ſick and deſtitute American ſeamen in foreign countries." And he withdrew.

Mr. Watſon, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act reſpecting quarantines and health laws," reported amendments.

Ordered, that they lie for conſideration.

The Senate proceeded to conſider the amendments reported by the committee to the bill, giving eventual authority to the Preſident of the United States to augment the army.

On motion, to agree to the amendment reported to the 7th Section to read as follows:

SECT. 7. *Be it further enacted*, that it ſhall be lawful for the Preſident of the United States to call forth and employ the ſaid volunteers in all caſes and to effect all the purpoſes, for which he is authorized to call forth and employ the

militia by the act, entitled "An act to provide for the calling forth the militia to execute the laws of the Union, ſuppreſs inſurrections and repel invaſions, and to repeal the act now in force for theſe purpoſes."

It paſſed in the affirmative, { Yeas, 17. / Nays, 7.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the Senators preſent,

Thoſe who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Bingham,
" Chipman,
" Foſter,
" Goodhue,
" Greene,
" Gunn,
" Howard,
" Laurance,
" Livermore,
Mr. Lloyd,
" Marſhall,
" Paine,
" Roſs
" Sedgwick,
" Tracy,
" Watſon
and
" Wells.

Thoſe who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Anderſon,
" Bloodworth,
" Langdon,
" Martin,
Mr. Maſon,
" Pinckney,
and
" Tattnall.

And the bill being further amended agreeable to the report of the committee,

Ordered, that this bill paſs to the third reading as amended.

The Vice Preſident communicated to the Senate a report from the Secretary for the department of Treaſury, with a letter from the Comptroller, together with an abſtract, required by the 4th ſection of the act, entitled "An act relative to the compenſations of certain officers employed in the collection of the duties of imports and tonnage, paſſed the 14th February 1795."

Ordered, that they lie on file.

After the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, *February 18th*, 1799.

The bill, allowing James Mathers compenſation for ſervicesd one for the United States, and expenſes incurred in rendering ſaid ſervices, as Serjeant-at-Arms, to the Senate, was read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs, that it be engroſſed, and that the title thereof be "An Act allowing James Mathers compenſation for ſervices

done for the United States, and expenſes incurred in rendering ſaid ſervices, as Serjeant-at-Arms, to the Senate."

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in this bill.

Mr. Sedgwick notified the Senate, that he ſhould to-morrow, aſk leave to bring in a bill, to augment the ſalaries of the principal officers in the executive departments.

The Senate reſumed the ſecond reading of the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act authorizing the eſtabliſhment of docks."

Ordered, that it paſs to the third reading.

The Senate proceeded to conſider the amendments reported by the committee, to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act authorizing the purchaſe of timber for naval purpoſes," and having adopted the amendments,

Ordered, that this bill paſs to the third reading as amended.

Mr. Tracy, from the committee, to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act to amend the

act, entitled "An Act providing for the valuation of lands and dwelling-houſes and the enumeration of ſlaves, within the United States," reported amendments thereto; which were read.

Ordered, that they lie for conſideration.

The Senate proceeded to conſider the amendments, reported by the committee, to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act reſpecting quarantines and health laws;" which were adopted.

Ordered, that this bill paſs to the third reading as amended.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy, their Clerk.

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives agree to the amendments of the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," and to the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Gazzam, Taylor and Jones of the city of Philadelphia." They have paſſed a bill, entitled "An act authorizing the diſcharge of Robert Sturgeon from his preſent confinement," and a bill, entitled "An act providing compenſation for the marſhals, clerks, attornies, jurors

and witneſſes in the courts of the United States, and to repeal certain parts of the acts therein mentioned; and for other purpoſes;" in which they deſire the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bills laſt mentioned were read.

Ordered, that they ſeverally paſs to the ſecond reading.

On motion, it was agreed by unanimous conſent, to diſpenſe with the rule, and that the bill laſt mentioned, be now read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Tracy, Mr. Stockton and Mr. Paine, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

The Senate reſumed the ſecond reading of the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act for the augmentation of the navy."

Ordered, that this bill paſs to the third reading.

Mr. Chipman notified the Senate that he ſhould, to-morrow, aſk leave to bring in a bill, for the alteration of an act, entitled "An act

giving effect to the laws of the United States within the ſtate of Vermont."

On motion, it was agreed by unanimous conſent, to diſpenſe with the rule, and that the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled " An act authorizing the diſcharge of Robert Sturgeon from his preſent confinement," be now read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Tracy, Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Wells, to conſider and report thereon the Senate.

Mr. Anderſon, preſented the petition of Paul M'Dermot, praying Congreſs to authorize the ſettlement of his accounts, as paymaſter to a part of the troops, who ſerved in the year 1794, againſt the inſurgents, the loſs of his vouchers notwithſtanding; and the petition was read.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Anderſon, Mr. Tracy and Mr. Bloodworth to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

Mr. Anderſon reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled " An Act to authorize the reimburſement of monies expended in rendering aid to ſick and deſtitute American ſeamen in foreign countries," the bill, entitled " An

act for the relief of Jonathan Haſkill," the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Gazzam, Taylor and Jones and of Samuel Watt, of the city of Philadelphia," and the bill, entitled "An act appropriating a certain ſum of money to defray the expenſe of holding a treaty or treaties with the Indians;" alſo the bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled "An act giving effect to the laws of the United States within the diſtrict of Tenneſſee."

Mr. Read, notified the Senate, that he ſhould, to-morrow, aſk leave to bring in a bill, to amend the act, entitled "An act reſpecting fugitives from juſtice and perſons eſcaping from the ſervice of their maſters."

The bill giving eventual authority to the Preſident of the United States, to augment the army, was read the third time, and the blanks being filled up,

The queſtion on the final paſſage of the bill, was

Determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, 21. Nays, 6.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the Senators preſent,

Thoſe who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Bingham,	Mr. Lloyd,
" Chipman,	" Marſhall,
" Davenport,	" Paine,
" Foſter,	" Read,
" Goodhue,	" Roſs,
" Greene,	" Sedgwick,
" Gunn,	" Stockton,
" Hillhouſe,	" Tracy,
" Howard,	" Watſon
" Laurance,	and
" Livermore,	" Wells.

Thoſe who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Anderſon,	Mr. Martin,
" Bloodworth,	" Maſon and
" Langdon,	" Tattnall.

So it was,

Reſolved, that this bill paſs, that it be engroſſed, and that the title thereof be " An act giving eventual authority to the Preſident of the United States to augment the army."

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives therein.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives having ſigned ſeveral enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the ſignature of the Vice-Preſident. They have poſtponed the conſideration of the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled "An act providing for the ſale of the lands of the United States in the territory northweſt of the river Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river," until the next ſeſſion of Congreſs. And he withdrew.

The Vice Preſident ſigned the enrolled bills, laſt reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be laid before the Preſident of the United States.

Mr. Read, preſented the memorial of Lewis Garanger in his own name and that of his brother Charles Garanger, concerning military eſtabliſhments, fire arms and ammunition; which was read.

Ordered, that it lie on the table.

Mr. Tracy, notified the Senate, that he ſhould to-morrow, aſk leave to bring in a bill, for the relief Reuben Smith and Nathan Strong and of Peter Aupoix.

Mr. Anderſon, reported from the committee, that they had, this day, laid the enrolled bills,

laſt reported to have been examined, before the Preſident of the United States.

After the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, *February 19th*, 1799.

Agreeably to notice given yeſterday, Mr. Sedgwick had leave to bring in a bill to augment the ſalaries of the Principal officers of the executive departments; which was read.

Ordered, that it paſs to the ſecond reading.

The Senate reſumed the ſecond reading of the bill, to regulate the medical department.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Latimer, Mr. Laurance and Mr. Gunn, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act authorizing the purchaſe of timber for naval purpoſes," was read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs with amendments.

Ordered, that the Secretary desire the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The bill, sent from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the augmentation of the Navy," was read the third time.

Resolved, that this bill pass.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the House of Representatives with the concurrence of the Senate in this bill.

The bill, sent from the House of Representatives, entitled "An Act authorizing the establishment of docks;" was read the third time.

Resolved, that this bill pass.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the House of Representatives with the concurrence of the Senate in this bill.

The bill, sent from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act respecting quarantines and health laws," was read the third time, as amended.

Ordered, that the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments reported by the committee, to whom was

referred the bill, authorizing the acceptance from the ſtate of Connecticut, of a ceſſion of the juriſdiction of the territory weſt of Pennſylvania, commonly called the Weſtern Reſerve of Connecticut; and after debate,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, *February 20th*, 1799.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Chipman had leave to bring in a bill, for the alteration of an act, entitled "An act giving effect to the laws of the United States within the ſtate of Vermont;" which was read.

Ordered, that it paſs to the ſecond reading.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, touching the mode of ſurrendering a defendant, who has been held to ſpecial bail in one diſtrict, and is afterwards arreſted in another, reported amendments thereto; which were read.

Ordered, that they lie for conſideration.

The bill, to augment the ſalaries of the principal officers of the executive departments; was read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Bingham and Mr. Anderſon, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

The Senate reſumed the third reading of the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act reſpecting quarantines and health laws," and having agreed to a further amendment,

Reſolved, that this bill paſs with amendments.

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in the amendments.

Mr. Tracy, from the committee, to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act providing compenſation for the marſhals, clerks, attornies, jurors and witneſſes in the courts of the United States, and to repeal certain parts of the acts therein mentioned; and for other purpoſes," reported amendments thereto; which were read.

Ordered, that they lie for conſideration.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives have paſſed a bill, entitled "An act to regulate and fix the compenſation of clerks," in which they deſire the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill was read.

On motion, it was agreed by unanimous conſent to diſpenſe with the rule, and that this bill be now read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Tracy, Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Livermore, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

Mr. Langdon, from the committee, to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act fixing the pay of the captains and commanders of ſhips and veſſels of war of the United States," reported the bill without amendment.

Ordered, that this bill paſs to the third reading.

A meſſage from the Preſident of the United States by Mr. Shaw his Secretary:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Preſident of the United States, on the 19th inſtant, approved and ſigned "An Act to amend an act, entitled "An act giving effect to the laws of the United States within the diſtrict of Tenneſſee."

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives therewith.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy, their Clerk.

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Preſident of the United States hath notified the Houſe of Repreſentatives that on the 19th inſtant, he approved and ſigned "An act to authorize the reimburſement of monies expended in rendering aid to ſick and deſtitute American ſeamen in foreign countries," "An Act appropriating a certain ſum of money to defray the expenſe of holding a treaty or treaties with the Indians," "An act for the relief of Gazzam, Taylor and Jones, and of Samuel Watt, of the city of Philadelphia," and "An act for the relief of Jonathan Haſkill." And he withdrew.

The Senate reſumed the ſecond reading of the bill, authorizing the acceptance, from the ſtate of Connecticut of a ceſſion of the juriſdiction

of the territory, weſt of Pennſylvania, commonly called the Weſtern Reſerve of Connecticut; and after debate,

Ordered, that the further conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

After the conſideration of the Executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, *February 21ſt*, 1799.

Mr. Goodhue from the committee, to whom it was referred to enquire, whether any, and what amendments, may be neceſſary to the act, entitled "An act in addition to the act more effectually to protect the commerce and coaſts of the United States, reported a bill, concerning French citizens that have been or may be captured and brought into the United States; which was read.

Ordered, that it paſs to the ſecond reading.

The Vice Preſident laid before the Senate a report ſigned Arthur St. Clair, Governor of the North weſtern territory, on the ſubject of the weſtern lands, in obedience to the reſolution of Senate of the 6th of March laſt; and the report was read.

Ordered, that it lie for conſideration.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An Act fixing the pay of the captains and commanders of ſhips and veſſels of war of the United States," was read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives with the concurrence of the Senate in this bill.

The bill, for the alteration of an act, entitled "An act giving effect to the laws of the United States within the ſtate of Vermont," was read the ſecond time.

The Senate proceeded to conſider the amendments reported by the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, intituled "An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling-houſes and the enumeration of ſlaves within the United States," which were adopted.

Ordered, that this bill paſs to the third reading as amended.

The Senate reſumed the ſecond reading of the bill, authorizing the acceptance, from the ſtate

of Connecticut, of a ceſſion of the juriſdiction of the territory, weſt of Pennſylvania, commonly called the Weſtern Reſerve of Connecticut; and after progreſs,

Ordered, that the further conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

Mr. Latimer, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, to regulate the medical department, reported amendments thereto; which were read.

Ordered, that they lie for conſideration.

After the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, *February 22d*, 1799.

On motion,

Ordered, that Mr. Davenport be added to the committee for enrolled bills, on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives therewith.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act to amend the act, intituled "An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling-houſes and the enumeration of ſlaves within the United States," was read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs with amendments.

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in the amendments to this bill.

Mr. Tracy, from the committee, to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act to eſtabliſh the compenſations of the officers employed in the collection of the duties of imports and tonnage; and for other purpoſes," reported the bill without amendment.

Ordered, that the conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

The bill, concerning French citizens that have been or may be captured and brought into the United States, was read the ſecond time.

The Senate reſumed the ſecond reading of the bill, authorizing the acceptance from the ſtate of Connecticut, of a ceſſion of the juriſdiction of the territory, weſt of Pennſylvania,

commonly called the Weſtern Reſerve of Connecticut.

On the queſtion to agree to the ſaid amendment reported by the committee, as follows:

THEREFORE,

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and Houſe of Repreſentatives of the United States of America in Congreſs aſſembled*, That the Preſident of the United States be, and he hereby is authorized to execute and deliver in the name and behalf of the United States to the Governor of the ſtate of Connecticut for the time being, for the uſe and benefit of the purchaſers, their heirs and aſſigns, a good and ſufficient deed of releaſe, whereby all the right, title, intereſt, and eſtate of the United States, to all that tract of land lying weſt of the weſt line of Pennſylvania, as claimed by that ſtate, and ſold on the 2d day of September, 1795, by the ſtate of Connecticut to certain purchaſers known by the name of the Connecticut Land Company, ſhall be releaſed and conveyed as aforeſaid to the ſaid Governor of Connecticut and his ſucceſſors in ſaid office forever for the purpoſe of quieting the ſaid purchaſers and confirming their titles.

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, 17. Nays, 8.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the Senators preſent,

Thoſe who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Chipman,
" Davenport,
" Foſter,
" Goodhue,
" Greene,
" Gunn,
" Hillhouſe,
" Howard,
" Latimer,
Mr. Livermore,
" Lloyd,
" Marſhall,
" Paine,
" Read,
" Sedgwick,
" Stockton
and
" Tracy,

Thoſe who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Bingham,
" Bloodworth,
" Langdon,
" Laurance,
Mr. Martin,
" Pinckney,
" Roſs and
" Watſon.

And having agreed to the other amendments reported by the committee,

Ordered, that this bill paſs to the third reading as amended.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives agree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the purchaſe of timber for naval purpoſes," alſo the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act reſpecting quarantines and health laws." They have paſſed the bill, ſent from the Senate, entitled "An act allowing James Mathers compenſation for ſervices done for the United States, and expenſes incurred in rendering ſaid ſervices as Sergeant-at-Arms to the Senate," alſo the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for defraying the expenſes which may ariſe in carrying into effect certain Treaties between the United States and ſeveral Tribes or nations of Indians."—They have paſſed a bill, entitled "An act to grant an additional compenſation for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine to certain officers of the Senate and Houſe of Repreſentatives of the United States," in which they deſire the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill, laſt mentioned were read.

Ordered, that it paſs to the ſecond reading.

Mr. Bingham, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act to alter the ſtamp duties impoſed upon foreign bills of exchange and bills of lading by an act, intituled

"An act laying duties on ſtamped vellum, parchment and paper," and further to amend the ſame," reported the bill without amendment; and the report was adopted.

Ordered, that this bill paſs to the third reading.

The Senate proceeded to conſider the amendments reported by the committee, to whom was referred the bill, to regulate the Medical Department; and having agreed to the report,

Ordered, that this bill paſs to the third reading.

On motion,

Ordered, that Mr. Stockton be added to the committee to whom was referred the bill, to augment the ſalaries of the principal officers of the executive departments.

The Senate proceeded to conſider the report of the committee to whom was referred the bill, touching the mode of ſurrendering a defendant who has been held to ſpecial bail in one diſtrict, and is afterwards arreſted in another; and having agreed to the report,

Ordered, that the bill paſs to the third reading as amended.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, to augment the ſalaries of the principal officers of the executive departments, reported amendments thereto; which were read.

Ordered, that they lie for conſideration.

After the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, *February 23d*, 1799.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act to grant an additional compenſation for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine to certain officers of the Senate and Houſe of Repreſentatives of the United States," was read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Livermore, Mr. Paine and Mr. Wells, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

Mr. Davenport reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An Act reſpecting quarantines and health laws," the bill, entitled "An act fixing the pay of the captains and commanders of ſhips and veſſels of war of the United States," the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the purchaſe of timber for naval purpoſes," the bill, entitled "An act for the aug-

mentation of the navy," the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the eſtabliſhment of docks," the bill, entitled "An act allowing James Mathers compenſation for ſervices done for the United States, and expenſes incurred in rendering ſaid ſervices as Sergeant-at-Arms to the Senate," and the bill entitled "An act making appropriations for defraying the expenſes which may ariſe in carrying into effect certain Treaties between the United States and ſeveral Tribes or nations of Indians."

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives having ſigned ſeveral enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the ſignature of the Vice-Preſident. The Houſe of Repreſentatives have paſſed a bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the ſupport of government for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine," and a bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the ſupport of the military eſtabliſhment, for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine," in which they deſire the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The Vice Preſident ſigned the enrolled bills, laſt reported to have been examined, and they

were delivered to the committee to be laid before the Preſident of the United States.

The bills, laſt mentioned, were read.

Ordered, that they ſeverally paſs to the ſecond reading.

The Senate proceeded to conſider the report of the committee to whom was referred the bill, to augment the ſalaries of the principal officers of the Executive Departments, which was adopted, and

The queſtion to agree to the third reading of the bill as amended, was

Determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, 22. / Nays, 3.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the Senators preſent,

Thoſe who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Bingham,	Mr. Marſhall,
" Bloodworth,	" Martin,
" Chipman,	" Paine,
" Davenport,	" Pinckney,
" Foſter,	" Read,
" Goodhue,	" Sedgwick,
" Greene,	" Stockton,
" Hillhouſe,	" Tattnall,
" Howard,	" Tracy,
" Laurance,	" Watſon and
" Lloyd,	" Wells.

Thoſe who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Langdon, and
" Livermore Mr. Maſon,

So it was,

Reſolved, that this bill paſs to the third reading as amended.

On motion, it was agreed by unanimous conſent to diſpenſe with the rule, and that the bills, laſt brought from the Houſe of Repreſentatives be now, ſeverally read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that they be ſeverally referred to Mr. Tracy, Mr. Paine and Mr. Lloyd, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

Mr. Davenport, reported from the committee, that they had this day, laid the laſt mentioned enrolled bills before the Preſident of the United States.

The bill, authorizing the acceptance from the ſtate of Connecticut, of a ceſſion of the juriſdiction of the territory weſt of Pennſylvania, commonly called the Weſtern Reſerve of Connecticut; was read the third time.

Ordered, that the further conſideration thereof be poſtponed until Monday next.

The bill, to regulate the Medical Eſtabliſhment, was read the third time, and further amended.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives agree to the amendments propoſed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled "An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houſes and the enumeration of ſlaves within the United States." And he withdrew.

After the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, *February 25th*, 1799.

Mr. Tracy, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled. "An act for the relief of Joſeph Wheaton," reported the bill without amendment; and the report was adopted.

Ordered, that this bill paſs to the third reading.

A meſſage from the Preſident of the United States by Mr. Shaw his Secretary:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Preſident of the United States hath this day approved and ſigned "An act making appropriations for defraying the expenſes which may ariſe in carrying into effect certain treaties between the United States and ſeveral tribes or nations of Indians," and "An act allowing James Mathers compenſation for ſervices done for the United States, and expenſes incurred in rendering ſaid ſervices as Sergeant-at-Arms to the Senate.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives therewith.

The Senate reſumed the third reading of the bill, to regulate the Medical Eſtabliſhment."

Reſolved, that this bill paſs, that it be engroſſed, and that the title thereof be "An act to regulate the Medical department.

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in this bill.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, " entitled " An act to alter the ſtamp duties impoſed upon foreign bills of exchange and bills of lading, by an act, intituled " An act laying duties on ſtamped vellum, parchment and paper;" and further to amend the ſame," was read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives with the concurrence of the Senate in this bill.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives agree to the amendments propoſed by the Senate to the bill, entitled " An act to amend the act, intituled " An act providing for the valuation of lands and dwelling-houſes and the enumeration of ſlaves within the United States." The Preſident of the United States hath notified the Houſe of Repreſentatives that he, this day approved and ſigned " An act fixing the pay of the captains and commanders of ſhips and veſſels of war of the United States," " An act authorizing the purchaſe of timber for naval purpoſes," " An act authorizing the eſtabliſhment of docks," " An act for the augmentation of the navy," and

"An act reſpecting quarantines and health laws." And he withdrew.

The bill, touching the mode of ſurrendering a defendant, who has been held to ſpecial bail in one diſtrict, and is afterwards arreſted in another, was read the third time, and further amended,

Reſolved, that this bill paſs, that it be engroſſed, and that the title thereof be "An act providing for the ſecurity of bail in certain caſes."

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in this bill.

Mr. Livermore, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act to grant an additional compenſation, for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine, to certain officers of the Senate and Houſe of Repreſentatives of the United States," reported amendments.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives have paſſed a bill, entitled "An act to erect a beacon on

Boon Iſland," and a bill, entitled "An act for the government of the navy of the United States," in which they deſire the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill, laſt mentioned, was read.

On motion, it was agreed by unanimous conſent to diſpenſe with the rule, and that this bill be now read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Bingham and Mr. Watſon, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act to erect a beacon on Boon Iſland," was read.

On motion, it was agreed by unanimous conſent to diſpenſe with the rule, and that this bill be now read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Greene and Mr. Langdon, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to conſider the report of the committee, to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act providing compenſation for the marſhals, clerks, attornies, jurors and wit-

neſſes, in the Courts of the United States, and to repeal certain parts of the acts therein mentioned; and for other purpoſes," and having agreed thereto,

Ordered, that this bill paſs to the third reading as amended.

The Senate reſumed the third reading of the bill, authorizing the acceptance from the ſtate of Connecticut, of a ceſſion of juriſdiction of the territory weſt of Pennſylvania, commonly called the Weſtern Reſerve of Connecticut; and the queſtion on the final paſſage of the bill was

Determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, 16. / Nays, 12.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the Senators preſent,

Thoſe who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Chipman,	Mr. Lloyd,
" Davenport,	" Marſhall,
" Foſter,	" Paine,
" Goodhue,	" Read,
" Greene,	" Sedgwick,
" Gunn,	" Stockton,
" Hillhouſe,	" Tracy and
" Livermore,	" Wells.

Thoſe who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Bingham,	Mr. Laurance,
" Bloodworth,	" Martin,
" Brown,	" Maſon,
" Howard,	" Pinckney,
" Langdon,	" Roſs and
" Latimer,	" Watſon.

So it was,

Reſolved, that this bill paſs, that it be engroſſed, and that the title thereof be "An act concerning the territory, weſt of Pennſylvania, commonly called the Weſtern Reſerve of Connecticut."

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in this bill.

The bill, to augment the ſalaries of the principal officers of the executive departments, was read the third time; and the queſtion on the final paſſage of the bill was,

Determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, 23. / Nays, 2.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the Senators preſent,

Thoſe who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Bingham,	Mr. Lloyd,
" Bloodworth,	" Martin,
" Chipman,	" Paine,
" Davenport,	" Pinckney,
" Foſter,	" Read,
" Goodhue,	" Sedgwick,
" Greene,	" Stockton,
" Gunn,	" Tattnall,
" Hillhouſe,	" Tracy,
" Howard,	" Watſon
" Latimer,	and
" Laurance,	" Wells.

Thoſe who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Livermore and Mr. Maſon,

So it was,

Reſolved, that this bill paſs, that it be engroſſed, and that the title thereof be "An act to augment the ſalaries of the officers therein mentioned."

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in this bill.

The Senate reſumed the ſecond reading of the bill, for the alteration of an act, entitled "An act giving effect to the laws of the United States within the ſtate of Vermont."

Ordered, that this bill pass to the third reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments reported by the committee, to whom was referred the bill, sent from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to grant an additional compensation, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, to certain officers of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States," and having adopted the amendments,

Ordered, that this bill pass to the third reading as amended.

The second reading of the bill, concerning French citizens that have been or may be captured and brought into the United States, was resumed, and it was agreed that this bill pass to the third reading.

After the consideration of the Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, *February 26th*, 1799.

The petition of Joseph Wheaton, Sergeant-at-Arms to the House of Representatives, was pre-

ſented and read, praying additional compenſation for his ſervices.

Ordered that it lie on the table.

The Senate reſumed the ſecond reading of the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act for the relief Joſeph Wheaton," and

The queſtion on the final paſſage of the bill, was determined in the negative.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives, that the Senate do not concur in this bill.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act providing compenſation for the marſhals, clerks, attornies, jurors and witneſſes in the courts of the United States and to repeal certain parts of the acts therein mentioned; and for other purpoſes," was read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs with amendments.

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in the amendments.

The bill, for the alteration of an act, entitled "An act giving effect to the laws of the United

States within the ſtate of Vermont," was read the third time and amended.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs, that it be engroſſed, and that the title thereof be "An act altering the time of holding the diſtrict court in Vermont."

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in this bill.

The bill, concerning French citizens that have been, or may be captured and brought into the United States, was read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs, that it be engroſſed, and that the title thereof be "An act conerning French Citizens that have been, or may be, captured and brought into the United States."

Oadered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in this bill.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act to grant an additional compenſation, for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine, to certain officers of the Senate and Houſe of Repreſentatives of the United States," was read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs with an amendment.

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in the amendment.

The Senate reſumed the ſecond reading of the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act to eſtabliſh the compenſations of the officers employed in the collection of the duties of imports and tonnage; and for other purpoſes," and having agreed to ſundry amendments,

Ordered, that it paſs to the third reading as amended.

Mr. Davenport reported from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, intituled "An Act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houſes and the enumeration of ſlaves, within the United States."

Mr. Goodhue, from the committee, to whom was referred, the bill ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act for the government of the navy of the United States," reported it with an amendment.

Ordered, that it paſs to the third reading as amended.

After the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, *February 27th*, 1799.

Mr. Goodhue, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act to erect a beacon on Boon-Iſland," reported the bill without amendment.

Ordered, that this bill paſs to the third reading.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act for the government of the navy of the United States," was read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs with an amendment.

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in the amendment.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act to eſtabliſh the compenſations of the officers employed in the collection

of the duties on imports and tonnage; and for other purpoſes," was read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs with amendments.

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in the amendments.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives have paſſed a bill, entitled "An act to eſtabliſh the poſt office of the United States," a bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act for the relief of ſick and diſabled ſeamen," and a bill, entitled "An act authorizing the augmentation of the marine corps," in which they deſire the concurrence of the Senate. They agree to the amendment of the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act to grant additional compenſation for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine, to certain officers of the Senate and Houſe of Repreſentatives of the United States," with an amendment, in which they deſire the concurrence of the Senate. They have poſtponed the conſideration of the bill, ſent from the Senate, entitled "An act concerning the territory, weſt of Pennſylvania commonly called the Weſtern

reſerve of Connecticut," until the next ſeſſion of Congreſs. They agree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act providing compenſation for the marſhals, clerks, attornies, jurors and witneſſes in the courts of the United States, and to repeal certain parts of the acts therein mentioned, and for other purpoſes." They have paſſed the bill, ſent from the Senate, entitled "An altering the time of holding the diſtrict court in Vermont," and alſo the bill, entitled "An act concerning French Citizens that have been, or may be, captured and brought into the United States." And he withdrew.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled, "An act to eſtabliſh the poſt-office of the United States," was read.

On motion, it was agreed by unanimous conſent, to diſpenſe with the rule, and that this bill be now read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Tracy, Mr. Roſs and Mr. Hillhouſe to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act authorizing the augmentation of the marine corps," was read.

On motion, it was agreed by unanimous conſent to diſpenſe with the rule, and that this bill be now read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Gunn, Mr. Goodhue, and Mr. Roſs, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, " entitled " An act in addition to the act for the relief of ſick and diſabled ſeamen," was read.

On motion, it was agreed by unanimous conſent to diſpenſe with the rule, and that this bill be now read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to the committee laſt mentioned, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

Mr. Davenport reported from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled " An Act concerning French Citizens, that have been, or may be captured and brought into the United States," and the bill, entitled " An act altering the time of holding the diſtrict court in Vermont."

The Vice-Preſident laid before the Senate, the report of the Secretary of State, on the petition of John Brown Cutting, for a reimburſe-

ment of his expenditures, and compenſation for his ſervices, in the year 1790, in liberating and relieving American ſeamen, impreſſed into the Britiſh navy.

Ordered, that it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to conſider the amendment of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, to their amendment, to the bill, entitled "An act to grant an additional compenſation for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine, to certain officers of the Senate and Houſe of Repreſentatives of the United States."

Reſolved, that the Senate do not agree to the ſaid amendment.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives therewith.

After the conſideration of the Executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, *February 28th*, 1799.

Mr. Davenport reported from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to alter the ſtamp duties impoſed upon foreign bills of ex-

change and bills of lading, by an act, intituled "An act laying duties on ſtamped vellum, parchment and paper," and further to amend the ſame," and the bill, entitled "An act providing compenſation for the marſhals, clerks, attornies, jurors and witneſſes in the courts of the United States, and to repeal certain parts of the acts therein mentioned; and for other purpoſes."

The Vice-Preſident laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary for the department of Treaſury, on the petition of William Gray.

Ordered, that the conſideration thereof be poſtponed until next ſeſſion of Congreſs.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act to erect a beacon on Boon Iſland," was read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives with the concurrence of the Senate in this bill.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives having ſigned ſeveral enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the ſignature of the Vice-Preſident The Houſe of Repreſentatives have paſſed the bill, ſent from the Senate, entitled "An act to augment the ſalaries of the officers therein mentioned," and the bill, entitled "An act for the better organizing of the troops of the United States; and for other purpoſes," with amendments, in which they deſire the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The Senate took into conſideration the amendments propoſed by the Houſe of Repreſentatives to the bill laſt mentioned.

Ordered, that they be referred to Mr. Gunn, Mr. Roſs and Mr. Howard, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

The Vice-Preſident ſigned the five enrolled bills laſt reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be laid before the Preſident of the United States.

Mr. Gunn, from the committee, to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act authorizing the augmentation of the marine corps," reported the bill without amendment.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs to the third reading.

Mr. Tracy, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act to regulate and fix the compenſation of clerks," reported the bill without amendment.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs to the third reading.

Mr. Tracy, alſo, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act authorizing the diſcharge of Robert Sturgeon from his preſent confinement," reported the bill without amendment.

Ordered, that the conſideration thereof be poſtponed until to-morrow.

The Vice-Preſident notified the Senate, that he deſired to be excuſed from attendance in Senate after this day, for the remainder of the ſeſſion.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives have paſſed a bill, entitled "An act authorizing a detachment from the militia of the United States," a bill, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force certain parts of the "Act for the relief

and protection of American ſeamen;" and to amend the ſame," and a bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, intituled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military ſervices, and for the ſociety of the United Brethern for propagating the goſpel among the heathen," in which they deſire the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bills, laſt mentioned, were ſeverally read.

Ordered, that they ſeverally paſs to the ſecond reading.

On motion, it was agreed by unanimous conſent to diſpenſe with the rule, and that the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act authorizing a detachment from the militia of the United States," be now read a ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Gunn, Mr. Roſs and Mr. Howard, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

Mr. Davenport, reported from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage."

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives having ſigned an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the ſignature of the Vice Preſident. The Houſe of Repreſentatives agree to the amendment propoſed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the government of the navy of the United States." They alſo agree to the amendments propoſed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to eſtabliſh the compenſations of the officers employed in the collection of the duties on imports and tonnage; and for other purpoſes." They inſiſt on their amendment to the amendment of the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act to grant an additional compenſation for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine, to certain officers of the Senate and Houſe of Repreſentatives of the United States," aſk a conference thereon, and have appointed managers at the ſame, on their part. And he withdrew.

The Vice Preſident ſigned the enrolled bill, laſt reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be laid before the Preſident of the United States.

Mr. Tracy, from the committee, to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act to eſtabliſh the Poſt-office of the United States," reported amendments which were read and adopted.

On motion, it was agreed by unanimous conſent, to diſpenſe with the rule, and that this bill be now read the third time: and after debate on a further amendment propoſed, and the executive buſineſs, having been conſidered,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, *March 1ſt*, 1799.

The Vice-Preſident being abſent, the Senate proceeded to the choice of a Preſident pro tempore, as the Conſtitution provides, and the Honourable James Roſs, was duly elected.

Ordered, that the Secretary wait on the Preſident of the United States, and notify him of the election of the Honourable James Roſs, to be Preſident of the Senate pro tempore.

Ordered, that the Secretary notify the Houſe of Repreſentatives of this election.

Mr. Davenport, reported from the committee, that they did, yeſterday, lay the following enrolled bills before the Preſident of the United States; the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, intituled "An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houſes and the enumeration of ſlaves within the United States," the bill, entitled "An act to alter the ſtamp du-

ties impoſed upon foreign bills of exchange and bills of lading by an act, intituled "An act laying duties on ſtamped vellum, parchment and paper;" and further to amend the ſame," the bill, entitled "An act providing compenſation for the marſhals, clerks, attornies, jurors and witneſſes in the courts of the United States, and to repeal certain parts of the acts therein mentioned; and for other purpoſes," the bill, entitled "An act concerning French citizens that have been, or may be captured and brought into the United States," and the bill, entitled "An act altering the time of holding the diſtrict court in Vermont."

On motion,

Ordered, that Mr. Stockton be added to the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the better organizing of the troops of the United States, and for other purpoſes,"

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act to amend the act, intituled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military ſervices, and for the ſociety of the United Brethren, for propagating the goſpel among the heathen," was read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Laurance, Mr. Stockton and Mr. Bingham, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force, certain parts of the "Act for the relief and protection of American ſeamen;" and to amend the ſame;" was read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Bingham, Mr. Goodhue and Mr. Langdon, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act to regulate and fix the compenſation of clerks," was read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives with the concurrence of the Senate in this bill.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act authorizing the augmentation of the marine corps," was read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives with the concurrence of the Senate in this bill.

Mr. Tracy, from the committee, to whom the ſubject was referred on the 31ſt of January laſt, reported a bill, to regulate trade and intercourſe with the Indian tribes and to preſerve peace on the Frontiers, which was read.

On motion, it was agreed by unanimous conſent to diſpenſe with the rule, and that this bill be now read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that this bill paſs to the third reading.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives have paſſed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Comfort Sands and others," a bill, entitled "An act making additional appropriations for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine," a bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the ſupport of the naval eſtabliſhment for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine," and a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the ſale of certain lands between the Great and Little Miami rivers in the territory of the United States northweſt of the Ohio; and for giving a pre-emption to certain purchaſers and ſettlers," in which they deſire

the concnrrence of the Senate. The Preſident of the United States hath notified the Houſe of Repreſentatives, that, on the 28th of February, he approved and ſigned "An act to alter the ſtamp duties impoſed upon foreign bills of exchange and bills of lading by an act intituled "An act laying duties on ſtamped vellum, parchment and paper;" and further to amend the ſame," "An act providing compenſation for the marſhals, clerks, attornies, jurors and witneſſes in the courts of the United States and to repeal certain parts of the acts therein mentioned; and for other purpoſes," alſo, "An act to amend the act, intituled "An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling-houſes and the enumeration of ſlaves within the United States." And he withdrew.

A meſſage from the Preſident of the United States by Mr. Shaw his Secretary:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Preſident of the United States, on the 28th of February, approved and ſigned "An act concerning French Citizens that have been, or may be captured and brought into the United States," and "An act altering the time of holding the diſtrict court in Vermont."

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives therewith.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act for the relief of Comfort Sands and others," was read.

On motion, it was agreed by unanimous conſent to diſpenſe with the rule, and that this bill be now read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Watſon, Mr. Tracy and Mr. Laurance, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act making additional appropriations for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine," was read.

On motion, it was agreed by unanimous conſent to diſpenſe with the rule, and that this bill be now read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to the committee appointed on the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the ſupport of government for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine," to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act making appropriations for the ſupport of the naval eſtabliſhment for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine," was read.

On motion, it was agreed by unanimous conſent to diſpenſe with the rule, and that this bill be now read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to the committee, laſt mentioned, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act to authorize the ſale of certain lands between the Great and Little Miami rivers in the territory of the United States northweſt of the Ohio; and for giving a preemption to certain purchaſers and ſettlers," was read.

On motion, it was agreed by unanimous conſent to diſpenſe with the rule, and that this bill be now read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Brown, Mr. Stockton and Mr. Langdon, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

Mr. Gunn, from the committee to whom was referred the amendments of the Houſe of Repreſentatives to the bill, entitled "An act for the better organizing of the troops of the United States; and for other purpoſes," made report. Whereupon,

Reſolved, that the Senate do diſagree to the firſt, ſecond, third and fifth and agree to the fourth, ſixth, ſeventh and eighth amendments.

Ordered, that the Seeretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives therewith.

The Senate proceeded to conſider the reſolution of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, propoſing a conference on the amendment of the Houſe of Repreſentatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to grant an additional compenſation for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine, to certain officers of the Senate and Houſe of Repreſentatives of the United States."

Reſolved, that the Senate agree to the conference, and that Mr. Stockton and Mr. Marſhall, be managers at the ſame on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives therewith.

The Senate reſumed the third reading of the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act to eſtabliſh the poſt-office of the United States."

On motion, to add the following to the amendment of the 17th Section.

"*And provided*, that all the letters and packets franked by any one member in any one week, ſhall not exceed thirty ounces; and ſuch privilege ſhall continue"—

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, 13. Nays, 17.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the Senators preſent,

Thoſe who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Bingham,	Mr. Paine,
" Davenport,	" Roſs
" Goodhue,	" Sedgwick,
" Hillhouſe,	" Stockton
" Howard,	" Watſon
" Livermore,	and
" Lloyd,	" Wells.

Thoſe who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Anderſon,	Mr. Laurance,
" Bloodworth,	" Marſhall,
" Brown,	" Martin,
" Chipman,	" Maſon,
" Foſter,	" Pinckney,
" Greene,	" Read,
" Gunn,	" Tattnall
" Langdon,	and
" Latimer,	" Tracy,

Reſolved, that this bill paſs with amendments.

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in the amendments.

Mr. Laurance, from the committee, to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act to amend the act, intituled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military ſervices and for the ſociety of the United Brethren, for propagating the goſpel among the heathen," reported amendments thereto.

Mr. Davenport, reported from the committee, that they had, this day, laid before the Preſident of the United States, the enrolled bill, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage." He alſo reported, that they had this day examined and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act to eſtabliſh the compenſations of the officers employed in the collection of the duties of imports and tonnage; and for other purpoſes."

Mr. Watſon, from the committee, to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act for the relief of Comfort Sands and others," reported the bill without amendment.

"*And provided*, that all the letters and packets franked by any one member in any one week, ſhall not exceed thirty ounces; and ſuch privilege ſhall continue"—

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, 13. Nays, 17.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the Senators preſent,

Thoſe who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Bingham,	Mr. Paine,
" Davenport,	" Roſs
" Goodhue,	" Sedgwick,
" Hillhouſe,	" Stockton
" Howard,	" Watſon
" Livermore,	and
" Lloyd,	" Wells.

Thoſe who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Anderſon,	Mr. Laurance,
" Bloodworth,	" Marſhall,
" Brown,	" Martin,
" Chipman,	" Maſon,
" Foſter,	" Pinckney,
" Greene,	" Read,
" Gunn,	" Tattnall
" Langdon,	and
" Latimer,	" Tracy,

Reſolved, that this bill paſs with amendments.

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in the amendments.

Mr. Laurance, from the committee, to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act to amend the act, intituled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military ſervices and for the ſociety of the United Brethren, for propagating the goſpel among the heathen," reported amendments thereto.

Mr. Davenport, reported from the committee, that they had, this day, laid before the Preſident of the United States, the enrolled bill, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage." He alſo reported, that they had this day examined and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act to eſtabliſh the compenſations of the officers employed in the collection of the duties of imports and tonnage; and for other purpoſes."

Mr. Watſon, from the committee, to whom was referred, the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act for the relief of Comfort Sands and others," reported the bill without amendment.

After the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, *March 2d*, 1799.

Mr. Davenport reported from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act to augment the ſalaries of the officers therein mentioned," the bill, entitled "An act to erect a beacon on Boon Iſland," the bill, entitled "An act to regulate and fix the compenſation of clerks," the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the augmentation of the marine corps," and the bill, entitled "An act for the government of the navy of the United States."

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives have paſſed the bill, entitled "An act giving eventual authority to the Preſident of the United States to augment the army," with amendments, in which they deſire the concurrence of the Senate. The Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives having ſigned ſeveral enrolled bills, I am direct-

ed to bring them to the Senate for the ſignature of the Preſident. And he withdrew.

The Preſident ſigned the five enrolled bills this day, reported to have been examined, and the bill yeſterday laſt reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be laid before the Preſident of the United States.

Mr. Stockton, from the managers at the conference on the bill, entitled "An act to grant an additional compenſation, for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine, to certain officers of the Senate and Houſe of Repreſentatives of the United States," reported that they could come to no agreement; but that the managers on the part of the Houſe of Repreſentatives appeared convinced of the impropriety of the amendment to the amendment of the Senate, and would probably ſo report to the Houſe of Repreſentatives.

The Senate took into conſideration the amendments of the Houſe of Repreſentatives to the bill, entitled "An act giving eventual authority to the Preſident of the United States to augment the army."

Reſolved, that they do agree thereto.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives with their concurrence.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives have paſſed the bill, ſent from the Senate, entitled "An act to regulate the medical eſtabliſhment." And he withdrew.

The following written meſſage was received from the Preſident of the United States by Mr. Shaw his Secretary.

Gentlemen of the Senate and
Gentlemen of the Houſe of Repreſentatives,

Judging it of importance to the public that the legiſlature ſhould be informed of the gradual progreſs of their maritime reſources, I tranſmit to Congreſs a ſtatement of the veſſels with their tonnage, warlike force and complement of men, to which Commiſſions as private armed veſſels have been iſſued, ſince the ninth day of July laſt.

JOHN ADAMS.

March 2d, 1799.

The meſſage and papers were read.

Ordered, that they lie for conſideration.

The bill, to regulate trade and intercourſe with the Indian tribes and to preſerve peace on the frontiers; was read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs, that it be engroſſed, and that the title thereof be "An act to regulate trade and intercourſe with the Indian tribes and to preſerve peace on the frontiers."

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in this bill.

Mr. Davenport, reported from the committee, that they had laid before the Preſident of the United States, the ſix bills laſt reported to have been examined.

Mr. Tracy, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act making appropriations for the ſupport of government for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine." reported ſundry amendments, which were adopted; and

On motion, it was agreed by unanimous conſent, to diſpenſe with the rule, and that this bill be now read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs with amendments.

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in the amendments.

Mr. Bingham, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force, certain parts of the "Act for the relief and protection of American ſeamen;" and to amend the ſame," reported the bill without amendment.

Mr. Gunn, from the committeee to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act authorizing a detachment from the militia of the United States," reported the bill without amendment.

Mr. Tracy, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act making *additional* appropriations for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine," reported an amendment, which was adopted, and

On motion, it was agreed by unanimous conſent to diſpenſe with the rule, and that this bill be now read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs with an amendment.

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in the amendment.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives have paſſed the bill, ſent from the Senate entitled "An act providing for the ſecurity of bail in certain caſes." They have paſſed a bill, entitled "An act reſpecting diſtillers of geneva," and a bill, entitled, "An act for eſtabliſhing the ſalary of the aſſiſtant Poſtmaſter General," in which ſeveral bills they deſire the concurrence of the Senate. They recede from their amendments to the bill, entitled "An act for the better organizing of the troops of the United States," and for other purpoſes," except from the *ſecond*, on which they *inſiſt*, and aſk a conference thereon, and have appointed managers at the ſame, on their part. The Preſident of the United States hath notified the Houſe of Repreſentatives that he, this day, approved and ſigned "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage." And he withdrew.

The Senate proceeded to the conſideration of the reſolution of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, aſking a conference on the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act for the better organizing of the troops of the United States; and for other purpoſes."

Reſolved, that the Senate do agree to the conference, and that Mr. Gunn and Mr. Howard,

be managers at the ſame, on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of repreſentatives therewith.

Mr. Brown, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act to authorize the ſale of certain lands between the Great and Little Miami rivers, in the territory of the United States north weſt of the Ohio; and for giving a pre-emption to certain purchaſers and ſettlers," reported the bill without amendment.

On motion, it was agreed by unanimous conſent to diſpenſe with the rule, and that this bill be now read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives with the concurrence of the Senate in this bill.

The Senate proceeded to the conſideration of the amendment reported by the committee, to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act to amend the act, intituled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military ſervices and for the ſociety of the United Bretheren, for pro-

pagating the goſpel among the Heathen," and it was adopted.

On motion, it was agreed by unanimous conſent to diſpenſe with the rule, and that this bill be now read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs with an amendment.

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in the amendment.

Mr. Tracy, from the committee, to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act making appropriations for the ſupport of the naval eſtabliſhment, for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine," reported the bill without amendment, and the report was adopted.

On motion, it was agreed by unanimous conſent to diſpenſe with the rule, and that this bill be now read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives with the concurrence of the Senate in this bill.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act for eſtabliſhing the ſalary of the aſſiſtant Poſt-maſter General," was read.

On motion, it was agreed by unanimous conſent to diſpenſe with the rule, and that this bill be now read the ſecond time.

On the queſtion to agree to the third reading of this bill,

It paſſed in the negative.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives that the Senate do not concur in this bill.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act reſpecting diſtillers of geneva," was read.

On motion, it was agreed by unanimous conſent to diſpenſe with the rule, and that this bill be now read the ſecond time.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Paine and Mr. Marſhall, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

Mr. Gunn, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of

Repreſentatives, entitled "An act in addition to the act for the relief of ſick and diſabled ſeamen," reported amendments.

Mr. Tracy, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act making appropriations for the ſupport of the military eſtabliſhment, for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine," reported the bill without amendment, and the report was adopted.

On motion, it was agreed by unanimous conſent to diſpenſe with the rule, and that this bill be now read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives with the concurrence of the Senate in this bill.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives have paſſed the bill, ſent from the Senate, entitled "An act to regulate trade and intercourſe with the Indian tribes, and to preſerve peace on the frontiers." They have paſſed the bill, ſent from the Senate,

entitled "An act to reform the ſuperior Court of the territory of the United States northweſt of the river Ohio;" with amendments, in which they deſire the concurrence of the Senate. They recede from their amendment to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to grant an additional compenſation, for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine, to certain officers of the Senate and Houſe of Repreſentatives of the United States." They agree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to eſtabliſh the Poſt-office of the United States." And he withdrew.

The Senate proceeded to the conſideration of the amendments of the Houſe of Repreſentatives to the bill, entitled "An act to reform the Superior Court of the territory of the United States northweſt of the river Ohio."

Reſolved, that they do agree to the firſt, and diſagree to the other amendments, and aſk a conference thereon, and that Mr. Sedgwick and Mr. Laurance be managers at the ſame on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives therewith.

A meſſage from the Preſident of the United States by Mr. Shaw his Secretary:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Preſident of the United States, hath this day, approved and ſigned "An act to augment the ſalaries of the officers therein mentioned."

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives therewith.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act authorizing a detachment from the militia of the United States," was read the ſecond time.

On the queſtion to agree to the third reading the bill,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, 17. / Nays, 12.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the Senators preſent,

Thoſe who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Bloodworth,	Mr. Lloyd,
" Brown,	" Marſhall,
" Foſter,	" Martin,
" Goodhue,	" Maſon,
" Greene,	" Pinckney,
" Gunn,	" Roſs
" Howard,	" Tattnall
" Langdon,	and
" Laurance,	" Watſon.

Thoſe who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Bingham,	Mr. Paine,
" Chipman,	" Read,
" Davenport,	" Sedgwick,
" Hillhouſe,	" Stockton,
" Latimer,	" Tracy and
" Livermore,	" Wells.

So it was,

Reſolved, that this bill paſs to the third reading.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives have paſſed a reſolution " authorizing a ſubſcription for four hundred copies of the Journals of Congreſs," in which they deſire the concurrence of the Senate. They agree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled " An act making appropriations for the ſupport of government for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine;" alſo to *thoſe* on the bill, entitled " An act making additional appropriations, for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine." The Preſident of the United States hath notified the Houſe of Repreſentatives that he

this day approved and ſigned "An act to regulate and fix the compenſation of clerks," "An act authorizing the augmentation of the marine corps," "An act to eſtabliſh the compenſations of the officers employed in the collection of the duties on imports and tonnage; and for other purpoſes," "An act to erect a beacon on Boon Iſland," and "An act for the government of the navy of the United States." The Houſe of Repreſentatives have poſtponed, until the next ſeſſion of Congreſs the conſideration of the bill, entitled "An act to reform the Superior Court of the territory of the United States north-weſt of the river Ohio." They agree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, intituled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military ſervices, and for the ſociety of the United Bretheren, for propagating the goſpel among the heathen." They recede from their amendments diſagreed to by the Senate, ſo far as to agree to the modifications reported by the managers at the conference, on the bill, entitled "An act for the better organizing of the troops of the United States, and for other purpoſes." They have paſſed a bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act, intituled "An act for the more general promulgation of the laws of the United States," in which they deſire the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

Mr. Gunn, from the managers at the conference on the bill, entitled "An act for the bet-

ter organizing of the troops of the United States; and for other purpoſes," made report, and the report was adopted. Whereupon,

RESOLVED, that the Senate do agree to the modifications reported by the conferees.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives therewith.

The Senate adjourned to 6 o'clock in the evening.

SATURDAY EVENING, *March 2d.*

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act in addition to an act, intituled "An act for the more general promulgation of the laws of the United States," was read.

On motion, it was agreed by unanimous conſent to diſpenſe with the rule, and that this bill be now read the ſecond and third times.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives with the concurrence of the Senate in this bill.

The Reſolution, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives "Authorizing a ſubſcription for four hundred copies of the Journals of Congreſs," was read.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Stockton and Mr. Greene, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to conſider the report of the committee to whom was referred the bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act in addition to the act, for the relief of ſick and diſabled ſeamen," and agreed that the bill ſhould be amended accordingly.

On motion, it was agreed by unanimous conſent to diſpenſe with the rule, and that this bill be now read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs with an amendment.

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in the amendment.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act authorizing the diſcharge of Robert Sturgeon from his preſent confinement," was read the third time; and

Reſolved, that this bill do not paſs.

ORDERED, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives, that the Senate do not concur in this bill.

Mr. Davenport, reported from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act giving eventual authority to the Preſident of the United States to augment the army," the bill, entitled "An act to regulate the Medical Eſtabliſhment," and the bill, entitled "An act providing for the ſecurity of bail in certain caſes."

On motion,

Ordered, that Mr. Wells be added to the committee for enrolled bills on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, that the Secretary notify the Houſe of Repreſentatives thereof.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act for the relief of ſick and diſabled ſeamen." And he withdrew.

Mr. Sedgwick from the committee to whom was referred the reſolution ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, "Authorizing a ſubſcription for four hundred copies of the Journals of Congreſs," reported the ſame without amendment. He made alſo a ſimilar report on the bill, entitled "An act reſpecting diſtilleries of geneva."

The Senate proceeded to conſider the Reſolution laſt mentioned.

On motion, it was agreed to amend the Reſolution as follows: "And ſuch number of copies of deficient volumes of the ſets now in print, as may be neceſſary to complete the ſame."

Reſolved, that the Reſolution paſs with the amendment.

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in the amendment.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives having ſigned three enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the ſignature of the Preſident. And he withdrew.

The Preſident ſigned the three enrolled bills, laſt reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be laid before the Preſident of the United States.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force certain parts of the "Act for the relief and protection of American ſeamen," and to amend the ſame," was read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives with the concurrence of the Senate in this bill.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act reſpecting diſtillers of geneva," was read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives with the concurrence of the Senate in this bill.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act for the relief of Comfort Sands and others," was read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives with the concurrence of the Senatein this bill.

The bill, ſent from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled "An act authorizing a detachment from the militia of the United States," was read the third time.

On motion, to amend the bill by adding at the end of the firſt ſection the following proviſo:

"*Provided always*, that it ſhall be lawful for the Preſident of the United States, if he ſhall judge it expedient, to forbear to call on the Executive authority of any particular ſtate or ſtates eaſt of the river *Delaware*, to organize, arm and equip the proportion of the militia of ſuch ſtate or ſtates as fixed by this act."

It was agreed to amend the motion by ſtriking out the word "*Delaware*" and inſerting "Potowmac."

On motion, to agree to the motion thus amended, it was

Determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, 13. Nays, 11.

On motion by Mr. Maſon,

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the Senators preſent,

Thoſe who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Bingham,	Mr. Latimer,
" Chipman,	" Paine,
" Davenport,	" Sedgwick,
" Foſter,	" Stockton,
" Goodhue,	" Tracy
" Greene,	and
" Hillhouſe,	" Watſon.

Thoſe who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Bloodworth,	Mr. Maſon,
" Brown,	" Pinckney,
" Gunn,	" Roſs,
" Howard,	" Tattnall
" Langdon,	and
" Martin,	" Wells.

So it was,

Reſolved, that this bill paſs with the amendment.

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in the amendment.

Mr. Davenport reported from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill entitled " An act making appro-

priations for the ſupport of government for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine," the bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act, intituled "An act for the more general promulgation of the laws of the United States," the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, intituled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military ſervices, and for the ſociety of the United Bretheren, for propagating the goſpel among the Heathen," the bill, entitled "An act making additional appropriations for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine," and the bill, "entitled "An act to grant an additional compenſation for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine, to certain officers of the Senate and Houſe of Repreſentatives of the United States."

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy, their Clerk.

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives have added Mr. Clopton to the committee for enrolled bills. The Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives having ſigned five enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the ſignature of the Preſident. And he withdrew.

The Preſident ſigned the enrolled bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the ſupport of government for the year one thouſand

ſeven hundred and ninety-nine, the bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act, intituled "An act for the more general promulgation of the laws of the United States," the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, intituled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military ſervices and for the ſociety of the United Bretheren, for propagating the goſpel among the heathen," the bill, entitled "An act making additional appropriations for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine," and the bill, entitled "An act to grant an additional compenſation for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine to certain officers of the Senate and Houſe of Repreſentatives of the United States;" and they were delivered to the committee to be laid before the Preſident of the United States.

On motion, leave was given to bring in a bill, to alter the time for the next meeting of Congreſs; which was read.

Ordered, that it paſs to the ſecond reading.

Mr. Davenport, reported from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force, certain parts of the "Act for the relief and protection of American ſeamen," and to amend the ſame," and the bill, entitled "An act to eſtabliſh the Poſt-Office of the United States."

Mr. Tracy obtained leave to bring in a bill, authorizing the Preſident of the United States to fill certain vacancies in the army, which was read.

On motion, it was agreed by unanimous conſent to diſpenſe with the rule, and that this bill be now read the ſecond and third times; and being amended,

Reſolved, that this bill paſs, that it be engroſſed, and that the title thereof be "An act authorizing the Preſident of the United States to fill certain vacancies in the army and navy."

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in this bill.

Mr. Davenport, reported from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act for the relief of ſick and diſabled ſeamen," and that they did, this day, lay before the Preſident of the United States, the following enrolled bills; the bill, entitled "An act giving eventual authority to the Preſident of the United States to augment the army," the bill, entitled "An act to regulate the Medical Eſtabliſhment," the bill, entitled "An act providing for the ſecurity of bail in certain caſes," the bill, entitled "An act making appropriati-

ons for the ſupport of government for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine," the bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act, intituled "An act for the more general promulgation of the laws of the United States," the bill, entitled "An act to grant an additional compenſation for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine, to certain officers of the Senate and Houſe of Repreſentatives of the United States," the bill, entitled "An act making additional appropriations for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine," and the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, intituled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military ſervices, and for the ſociety of the United Bretheren for propagating the goſpel among the heathen."

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives having ſigned an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the ſignature of the Preſident. And he withdrew.

The Preſident ſigned the enrolled bill, laſt reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be laid before the Preſident of the United States.

Mr. Davenport, reported from the committee, that they had laid the bills, laſt mentioned before the Preſident of the United States.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives having ſigned two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the ſignature of the Preſident. The Houſe of Repreſentatives have paſſed the bill, ſent from the Senate, entitled "An act veſting the power of retaliation, in certain caſes, in the Preſident of the United States," with amendments, in which they deſire the concurrence of the Senate. They agree to the amendments of the Senate to the Reſolution "authorizing a ſubſcription for four hundred copies of the Journals of Congreſs." And he withdrew.

The Preſident ſigned the two enrolled bills, laſt reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the Preſident of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to the conſideration of the amendments propoſed by the Houſe of Repreſentatives to the bill, entitled "An act veſt-

ing the power of retaliation, in certain caſes, in the Preſident of the United States."

Ordered, that they be referred to Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Maſon and Mr. Tracy, to conſider and report thereon to the Senate.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee, laſt mentioned, reported the amendments without amendment, and the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives with the concurrence of the Senate in the amendments to this bill.

Mr. Davenport, reported from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Comfort Sands and others," the bill, entitled "An act reſpecting diſtillers of geneva," the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the ſupport of the naval eſtabliſhment for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine," the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the ſupport of the military eſtabliſhment for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine," the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the ſale of certain lands between the Great and Little Miami rivers, in the territory of the United States northweſt of the Ohio, and for giving a pre-emption to certain purchaſers and ſettlers," and the Reſo-

lution "Authorizing a ſubſcription for four hundred copies of the Journals of Congreſs."

A meſſage from the Preſident of the United States by Mr. Shaw his Secretary:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Preſident of the United States, hath this day, approved and ſigned "An act providing for the ſecurity of bail, in certain caſes," "An act to regulate the Medical eſtabliſhment," and "An act giving eventual authority to the Preſident of the United States to augment the army."

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives therewith.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives having ſigned ſeveral enrolled bills, and an enrolled reſolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the ſignature of the Preſident. The Houſe of Repreſentatives have paſſed the bill, ſent from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing the Preſident of the United States to fill certain vacancies in the army and navy." They diſagree to

the amendment propoſed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing a detachment from the militia of the United States." And he withdrew.

The Preſident ſigned the enrolled bills and enrolled reſolution laſt reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be laid before the Preſident of the United States.

After the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SUNDAY, *March 3d*, 1799.

Mr. Davenport, reported from the committee, that they did, yeſterday, lay before the Preſident of the United States, the following enrolled bills: The bill, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force certain parts of the "Act for the relief and protection of American ſeamen," and to amend the ſame," the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the ſupport of the military eſtabliſhment, for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine," the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the ſale of certain lands between the Great and Little Miami rivers in the territory of the Uni-

ted States northweſt of the Ohio; and for giving a pre-emption to certain purchaſers and ſettlers," the bill, entitled "An act to eſtabliſh the Poſt-office of the United States," the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the ſupport of the naval eſtabliſhment, for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine," the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Comfort Sands and others," the bill, entitled "An act reſpecting diſtillers of geneva," and a reſolution "Authorizing a ſubſcription for four hundred copies of the Journals of Congreſs."

Mr. Hillhouſe, reported from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Joſeph Ruſſell and others, that the conſideration thereof be poſtponed until the next ſeſſion of Congreſs; and the report was adopted.

Mr. Davenport, reported from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act veſting the power of retaliation in certain caſes, in the Preſident of the United States," the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Preſident of the United States to fill certain vacancies in the army and navy," the bill, entitled "An act to regulate trade and intercourſe with the Indian tribes and to preſerve peace on the frontiers," and the bill, entitled "An act for the better organizing of the troops of the United States; and for other purpoſes."

The Senate proceeded to the conſideration of the reſolution of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, diſagreeing to the amendment of the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing a detachment from the militia of the United States."

On motion, to poſtpone the further conſideration of this bill until the next ſeſſion of Congreſs, it was

Determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, 18. Nays, 11.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the Senators preſent,

Thoſe who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Bingham,	Mr. Livermore,
" Chipman,	" Lloyd,
" Davenport,	" Marſhall,
" Foſter,	" Paine,
" Goodhue,	" Sedgwick,
" Greene,	" Stockton,
" Hillhouſe,	" Tracy
" Latimer,	" Watſon and
" Laurance,	" Wells.

Thoſe who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Bloodworth,	Mr. Maſon,
" Brown,	" Pinckney,
" Gunn,	" Read,
" Howard,	" Roſs
" Langdon,	" and
" Martin,	" Tattnall.

So it was,

Reſolved, that the further conſideration of this bill be poſtponed until the next ſeſſion of Congreſs.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives therewith.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives having ſigned three enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the ſignature of the Preſident. The Preſident of the United States hath notified the Houſe of Repreſentatives, that on the ſecond inſtant, he approved and ſigned "An act making appropriations for the ſupport of the naval eſtabliſhment, for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine," "An act making appropriations for the ſupport of the military eſtabliſhment for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine," "An

act to authorize the ſale of certain lands between the Great and Little Miami rivers, in the territory of the United States, northweſt of the Ohio, and for giving a pre-emption to certain purchaſers and ſettlers," a Reſolve "Authorizing a ſubſcription for four hundred copies of the Journals of Congreſs," "An act reſpecting diſtillers of geneva," "An act making appropriations for the ſupport of government for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine," "An act to eſtabliſh the Poſt office of the United States," "An act for the relief of Comfort Sands and others," "An act to revive and continue in force certain parts of the "Act for the relief and protection of American ſeamen," and to amend the ſame," and "An act in addition to the act for the relief of ſick and diſabled ſeamen"—and that he, this day, approved and ſigned "An act to grant an additional compenſation for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine to certain officers of the Senate and Houſe of Repreſentatives of the United States," "An act to amend the act, intituled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military ſervices and for the ſociety of the United Bretheren for propagating the goſpel among the heathen," "An act in addition to an act, intituled "An act for the more general promulgation of the laws of the United States," and "An act making additional appropriations for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine." And he withdrew.

The Preſident ſigned the enrolled bill, entitled "An Act to regulate trade and intercourſe with the Indian Tribes and to preſerve peace on the frontiers," the bill, entitled "An Act veſting the power of retaliation, in certain caſes, in the Preſident of the United States," and the enrolled bill, entitled "An Act authorizing the Preſident of the United States to fill certain vacancies in the army and navy," and they were delivered to the committee to be laid before the Preſident of the United States.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy, their Clerk.

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives having ſigned an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the ſignature of the Preſident. And he withdrew.

The Preſident ſigned the enrolled bill, entitled "An Act for the better organizing of the troops of the United States; and for other purpoſes," and it was delivered to the committee to be laid before the Preſident of the United States.

The bill, to alter the time for the next meeting of Congreſs, was read the ſecond time; and being amended by inſerting the third Monday in November—

On motion, it was agreed by unanimous conſent to diſpenſe with the rule, and that this bill be now read the third time.

Reſolved, that this bill paſs, that it be engroſſed, and that the title thereof be "An act to alter the time for the next meeting of Congreſs."

Ordered, that the Secretary deſire the concurrence of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in this bill.

On motion,

Ordered, that the further conſideration of the bill, ſupplementary to the act, entitled "An act to eſtabliſh the Judicial Courts of the United States," be poſtponed until the next ſeſſion of Congreſs.

On motion,

Reſolved, that the Secretary of the Senate be and he hereby is authorized and directed, to pay to James Mathers, door-keeper, out of the contingent fund, the ſum of one hundred dollars, and to James Mathers, jun. aſſiſtant door-keeper, the ſum of one hundred dollars, for their extra ſervices during the ſeſſion.

Mr. Davenport, reported from the committee, that they had laid before the Preſident of

the United States the four enrolled bills last reported to have been examined.

On motion,

Resolved, that the Secretary of the Senate pay to Hugh M'Kinley, for his labour and attendance on the Senate, one dollar per day, during the time he has been employed, the present session; to be paid out of the money appropriated for the contingent expenses of the two Houses of Congress.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The House of Representatives have appointed a joint committee on their part, to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him, that unless he may have any further communications to make, to the two Houses of Congress, they are ready to adjourn; and desire the appointment of a joint committee on the part of the Senate. They do not concur in the bill, sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to alter the time for the next meeting of Congress." And he withdrew.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Resolution for the appointment of a joint committee, for the purpose last mentioned.

Reſolved, that they do concur therein, and that Mr. Stockton and Mr. Read be the joint committee on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives with the concurrence of the Senate.

A meſſage from the Preſident of the United States by Mr. Shaw his Secretary:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Preſident of the United States this day approved and ſigned "An act to regulate trade and intercourſe with the Indian tribes, and to preſerve peace on the frontiers," "An act for the better organizing of the troops of the United States; and for other purpoſes," "An act veſting the power of retalition in certain caſes, in the Preſident of the United States," and "An act authorizing the Preſident of the United States to fill certain vacancies in the army and navy."

Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives therewith.

The Report of the Secretary for the Department of State, on the claim of John Brown Cutting, for a reimburſement of his expenditures and a compenſation for his ſervices, in the year 1790, in liberating and relieving American

ſeamen, impreſſed into the Britiſh navy, was read.

Ordered, that it lie on file.

Mr. Stockton, reported from the joint committee, that they had waited on the Preſident of the United States, who informed them, that he had nothing further to communicate to Congreſs, except his wiſhes for their individual happineſs, and ſafe return to their reſpective families.

On motion,

That the Secretary of the Senate pay out of the contingent money, to the principal and engroſſing clerks in his office, one hundred dollars each, for extra ſervices, during the preſent ſeſſion—

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, 18. Nays, 6.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the Senators preſent,

Thoſe who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Bingham,	Mr. Martin,
" Chipman,	" Maſon,
" Davenport,	" Pinckney,
" Foſter,	" Read,
" Greene,	" Roſs,
" Langdon,	" Sedgwick,
" Laurance,	" Stockton,
" Livermore,	" Watſon and
" Lloyd,	" Wells.

Thoſe who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Brown,	Mr. Howard,
" Goodhue,	" Paine and
" Hillhouſe,	" Tracy.

So it was,

Reſolved, that the Secretary of the Senate, pay out of the contingent money, to the principal and engroſſing clerks in his office, one hundred dollars each, for extra ſervices, during the preſent ſeſſion.

On motion,

Reſolved, that the memorial of M. Garanger, having been preſented to the Senate at too late a period to be acted upon, be poſtponed to the next ſeſſion of the Senate, and recommended to their attention.

A meſſage from the Houſe of Repreſentatives by Mr. Condy their Clerk:

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Houſe of Repreſentatives having finiſhed the buſineſs before them, are about to adjourn without day. And he withdrew.

After the conſideration of the executive buſineſs,

The Senate adjourned without day.

APPENDIX.

A LIST OF THE ACTS

PASSED AT THE

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTH CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

1. AN Act refpecting balances reported againſt certain ſtates, by the commiſſioners appointed to ſettle the acccounts between the United States and the ſeveral ſtates.

2. An Act for the puniſhment of certain crimes therein ſpecified.

3. An Act for the better organizing of the troops of the United States; and for other purpoſes.

4. An Act to authorize the reimburſement of monies, expended in rendering aid, to ſick and deſtitute American ſeamen, in foreign countries.

5. An Act for the relief of Thomas Lewis.

6. An Act to regulate the Medical Eſtabliſhment.

7. An Act further to ſuſpend the commercial intercourſe between the United States and France, and the dependencies thereof.

8. An Act reſpecting quarantines, and health laws.

9. An Act for the relief of Gazzam, Taylor and Jones, and of Samuel Watt, of the city of Philadelphia.

10. An Act for the relief of Jonathan Haſkill.

11. An Act giving eventual authority to the Preſident of the United States, to augment the army.

12. An Act to amend an act, entitled "An act giving effect to the laws of the United States, within the diſtrict of Tenneſſee."

13. An act to alter the ſtamp duties impoſed upon foreign bills of exchange and bills of lading, by an act, intituled "An act laying duties on ſtamped vellum, parchment and paper." and further to amend the ſame.

14. An Act veſting the power of retaliation, in certain caſes, in the Preſident of the United States.

15. An Act to amend the act, intituled, "An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houſes, and the enumeration of ſlaves, within the United States."

16. An Act making appropriations for defraying the expenſes which may ariſe in carrying into effect, certain treaties, between the United States, and ſeveral Tribes or nations of Indians.

17. An Act providing for the ſecurity of bail in certain caſes.

18. An Act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage.

19. An Act authorizing the eſtabliſhment of docks.

20. An Act authorizing the purchaſe of timber for naval purpoſes.

21. An Act for the augmentation of the navy.

22. An Act appropriating a certain ſum of money to defray the expenſe of holding a treaty or treaties with the Indians.

23. An Act allowing James Mathers compenſation for ſervices done for the United States and expenſes incurred in rendering ſaid ſervices as Sergeant-at-Arms to the Senate.

24. An Act to eſtabliſh the compenſations of the officers employed in the collection of the duties on imports and tonnage; and for other purpoſes.

25. An Act fixing the pay of the captains and commanders of ſhips and veſſels of war of the United States, and to repeal certain parts of the acts therein mentioned; and for other purpoſes.

26. An Act providing compenſation for the marſhals, clerks, attornies, jurors and witneſſes in the courts of the United States.

27. An Act to augment the ſalaries of the officers therein mentioned.

28. An Act altering the time of holding the diſtrict court in Vermont.

29. An Act to regulate and fix the compenſation of clerks.

30. An Act concerning French Citizens that have been, or may be, captured and brought into the United States.

31. An Act to grant an additional compenſation, for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine, to certain officers of the Senate and Houſe of Repreſentatives of the United States.

32. An Act making appropriations for the ſupport of government, for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine.

33. An Act making appropriations for the ſupport of the military eſtabliſhment, for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine.

34. An Act for the government of the navy of the United States.

35. An Act to erect a beacon on Boon-Iſland.

36. An Act authorizing the augmentation of the Marine Corps.

37. An Act in addition to the act for the relief of ſick and diſabled ſeamen.

38. An Act to eſtabliſh the Poſt-office of the United States.

39. An Act to revive and continue in force certain parts of the "Act for the relief and protection of American ſeamen," and to amend the ſame.

40. An Act to amend the act, intituled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military ſervices and for the ſociety of the

United Bretheren, for propagating the goſpel among the heathen."

41. An Act making additional appropriations for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine.

42. An Act to authorize the ſale of certain lands between the great and little Miami rivers, in the territory of the United States northweſt of the Ohio; and for giving a pre-emption to certain purchaſers and ſettlers.

43. An Act making appropriations for the ſupport of the naval eſtabliſhment, for the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine.

44. An act for the relief of Comfort Sands, and others.

45. An Act to regulate trade and intercourſe with the Indian tribes, and to preſerve peace on the frontiers.

46. An act reſpecting diſtillers of geneva.

47. An Act in addition to an act, "intituled "An act for the more general promulgation of the laws of the United States."

48. An Act authorizing the Preſident of the United States to fill certain vacancies in the army and navy.

49. Reſolution authorizing a ſubſcription for four hundred copies of the Journals of Congreſs.

THE SEATS *of the* SENATORS *of the* UNITED STATES *will be vacated as follow:*

March 3d, 1801.	*March 3d, 1803.*	*March 3d, 1805.*
of	of	of
Mr. Bingham,	Mr. Chipman,	Mr. Baldwin,
Bloodworth,	Cocke,	Brown,
Gunn,	Foſter,	Dayton,
Langdon,	Goodhue,	Dexter,
Laurance,	Hillhouſe,	Franklin,
Lloyd,	Howard,	Greene,
Marſhall,	Latimer,	Livermore,
Paine,	Maſon,	Pinckney,
Read,	Roſs,	Wells.
Tracy.	Schureman,	
	Watſon.	

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